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Dear Connecticut Boaters,

It is my pleasure to share with you the 2020 edition of the Connecticut Boater’s Guide. This publication is packed with tips and tools for every type of recreational boater in our state – from paddling to yachting and everything in between. Whether you enjoy sailing, stand-up paddle boarding, jet skiing or cruising – there’s something in here for you!

As you spend some time with this guide, you will find important information about Connecticut’s boating laws and regulations, education requirements, and required safety equipment to ensure safe and enjoyable on-water excursions. The guide also highlights access points allowing boaters to easily locate public launches throughout the state so you can explore the many beautiful inland and coastal waterways of Connecticut.

This Boater’s Guide also contains information on how to locate pumpout services. Be sure to follow the link to the mobile device-friendly pumpout map making it easier than ever to find and schedule a pumpout. I am excited to announce that four of the 24 pumpout boats operating in Connecticut are now zero-emission vessels powered by solar-electric energy. By using these innovative pumpout vessels, Connecticut boaters are supporting clean water AND clean air.

New this year for Connecticut boaters is the Aquatic Invasive Species Stamp program – the funds from which help combat aquatic invasive species in our waterways. On the following pages we have provided information about the stamp program and what boaters can do to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species. Youth can also promote clean and safe boating to their peers through our popular Student Ambassador Program for middle- and high-school students. Details of the program can be found in this guide and if your school isn’t already involved, please consider joining.

I hope you get out and enjoy Connecticut’s waterways during the upcoming boating season. Remember to boat sober and always wear your life jacket. We’ll see you on the water.

Sincerely,

Katie S. Dykes
Commissioner
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**Boats other than Personal Watercraft**

Residents of Connecticut, persons owning real property in Connecticut, or persons with vessels registered in Connecticut must have either a Safe Boating Certificate or a Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation to legally operate any boat with a motor, or non-motorized sailboat 19 ½ feet in length or longer.

**Exceptions:**
- On inland waters of this state with a 10 horsepower limit and between one hour before sunrise and one hour after sunset, no certificate is required for a person operating an electric motor (rated at 106 lbs. of thrust or less). However, the vessel must be

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- A person who has a valid operator’s license issued by the United States Coast Guard does not require a Safe Boating Certificate to operate a vessel other than a personal watercraft. They must have the original license on board the recreational vessel on which they are operating.

**Non-Resident Certificate Requirements**

Connecticut recognizes a valid Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation for operating a personal watercraft that is issued by a reciprocal state (NY, MA, RI or NH) for a non-resident even if they own real property in CT. Once a person holding a certificate from a reciprocal state makes CT their permanent residence, he or she must obtain a CT boating certificate within 90 days of becoming a CT resident.

Personal watercraft operators MUST have a recognized Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation to operate legally.

**Reciprocity**

The Connecticut Safe Boating Certificate and the Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation are accepted in many states. Connecticut recognizes on our waters, certificates from Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York and Rhode Island and is expanding our reciprocity with other states (check our website for changes). If you are boating in another state, check with that state first. Adherence to Connecticut state law remains the responsibility of the boater.

New Connecticut residents: Any person changing their residence from a reciprocal state to Connecticut may use their reciprocal boating certificate in Connecticut for only 90 days after becoming a resident. Any time during those 90 days that person may use their certificate as evidence that they meet Connecticut’s boating education requirement, and may purchase a Connecticut boating certificate.

**Safe Boating Certificate or Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation**

A Safe Boating Certificate (SBC) will allow an individual to operate any recreational vessel, except a personal watercraft on Connecticut’s waters. In order to meet the requirements for a Safe Boating Certificate (SBC), an individual must:

- Pass an approved basic boating course; or
- Pass the DEEP’s Equivalency Examination.

A Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation (CPWO) allows an individual to operate any recreational vessel including a personal watercraft. In order to meet the requirements for a Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation (CPWO), an individual must:

- Pass an approved combination basic boating/personal watercraft course; or
- Pass an approved basic boating course and an approved 2 1/2 hour personal watercraft course; or
- Pass the DEEP’s Equivalency Examination.

*Note: Save the diploma from the course/exam you took for your records. You may need it to apply for your Safe Boating Certificate in person.*

Any person possessing a Safe Boating Certificate (SBC) or a Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation (CPWO) must have the certificate on board at all times while operating a vessel. A
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Any person operating a personal watercraft must possess either a Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation issued by Connecticut or a certificate issued by a state with a reciprocal agreement with Connecticut. Connecticut recognizes certificates from MA, NH, NY, and RI for use upon our waters (see page 10, Reciprocity).

Obtaining a Safe Water Skiing Endorsement

On October 1, 2015, new water skiing laws took effect in Connecticut. In order to operate a vessel or personal watercraft on Connecticut waters that is towing a skier, tube, or has anyone riding the wake of the vessel, you must:

1. Be age 16 or older and
2. Have a valid boating certificate from either Connecticut, a state that has a reciprocal agreement with Connecticut, or (for boats only) a U.S. Coast Guard operator’s license and
3. Possess a Connecticut Safe Water skiing Endorsement. Boaters, who obtained one of the above certificates prior to October 1, 2015, do not need to take any action.

The Safe Water skiing Endorsement is now part of all courses leading to a Connecticut boating certificate. Boaters who successfully complete an approved DEEP boating class after October 1, 2015, will automatically receive a Safe Water Skiing Endorsement on their CPWO. Safe Water Skiing Endorsements cannot be issued to boaters holding a temporary SBC or CPWO.

Boaters who obtain a certificate or license from a reciprocal state or the US Coast Guard after October 1, 2015, can obtain a Safe Water skiing Endorsement through an online course and the Sportsmen’s Database.

Visit www.ct.gov/deep/waterskiendorsement for
additional information regarding the Safe Water Skiing Endorsement and the online course.

**Equivalency Examination**

The DEEP’s Equivalency Examination is a multiple choice test designed for the experienced boater to qualify for a Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation. However, the exam may only be attempted once and the DEEP recommends that all boaters take a class to ensure they are up-to-date with current boating laws.

**How do I apply?** Examinations are offered only by the DEEP. Applications to register for the examination are available on the DEEP website or by calling the DEEP Boating Division. The examination fee is $75.00.

**Purchasing or Printing Duplicate a Boating Certificate (SBC or CPWO)**

Connecticut Boating Certificates are now part of the Online Sportsmen Licensing system. Boaters will use this system to purchase or reprint their certificates. If you are new to DEEP Sportsmen Licensing, you will be given a Connecticut Conservation ID number during the registration process. This ID number is a unique number that is assigned to you and will be used for many of the DEEP products available for online purchasing and/or reprinting.

The Boating Division strongly recommends that you create an account and obtain a Conservation ID number before starting any boating certification course.

To create an account and obtain your Conservation ID number go to [https://ct.aspirafocus.com/InternetSales/](https://ct.aspirafocus.com/InternetSales/)

**To obtain a boating certificate**

- Take an approved boating safety course. You will need to provide your instructor/course provider with your Conservation ID number, name (as it was entered when registering for a Conservation ID), and birth date.
- About three days after successfully completing your course, log back onto the Online Sportsmen Licensing System and follow the instructions to purchase your certificate. Currently there is a onetime fee of $50 for a boating certificate.
- Print your certificate, which is your official document.
- After signing it, you must carry it whenever you operate your vessel.
- You can reprint your certificate at any time by logging back into the system or by visiting a participating license vendor.

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**New for 2020- Aquatic Invasive Species Stamp- Public Act No. 19-190**

Effective January 1, 2020- An Aquatic Invasive Species fee will be added to Connecticut vessel registrations and boaters with out of state registrations must obtain an AIS Stamp prior to boating in inland waters.

**What is the AIS Stamp?**

A $5 fee, as indicated on Connecticut vessel registration renewals, to fund invasive species grant projects. The registration validation decal will serve as your AIS stamp.

**Do out of state registered vessels need an AIS Stamp?**

Anyone intending to operate an out of state registered vessel, on inland waters, must purchase an annual Invasive Species Stamp. Invasive Species Stamps may be purchased through the Sportsmen Licensing System- [www.ct.aspirafocus.com/InternetSales/Sales](http://www.ct.aspirafocus.com/InternetSales/Sales). While on inland Connecticut waters, you are required to carry this document on the vessel.

**What does this fee go towards?**

Collected funds will go into the Connecticut Lakes, Rivers, and Ponds Preservation account. These funds will be used for projects involving the restoration and rehabilitation of lakes, ponds, and rivers, treatment to control AIS and cyanobacteria, and education and outreach programs to promote AIS awareness and in Connecticut lakes, rivers and ponds.

**What other ways can I contribute?**

- Follow the Clean, Drain, Dry method, as described on page 52, whenever you are boating.

For more information about the AIS Stamp or invasive species, visit [www.ct.gov/deep/invasivespecies](http://www.ct.gov/deep/invasivespecies)
Duplicate Certificate
You can print a free duplicate certificate at any time by logging onto https://ct.aspirafocus.com/InternetSales/(Online Sportsmen Licensing system). Log in using your Date of Birth and Conservation ID number. Select “Click here to reprint your license.” This is free of charge. If you cannot find yourself, please contact the Boating Division at 860-434-8638.

Temporary Certificate
If you purchase and register a new or used boat other than a personal watercraft in your name, and do not have a Safe Boating Certificate, you may apply for a Temporary Safe Boating Certificate. It is valid for three months from the date of vessel registration. Within that time, you are encouraged to obtain a permanent Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation.

If you purchase and register a new or used personal watercraft in your name and do not qualify for a Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation, you may apply for a Temporary Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation after you have taken an approved 2 1/2 hour personal watercraft course. The temporary certificate is valid for three months from the date of vessel registration. Within that time, you are encouraged to obtain a permanent Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation.

Where do I apply? Apply in person at any DEEP Processing Office. See page 4 for locations and hours.

What do I bring? For the Temporary Safe Boating Certificate bring your original registration (in your name because the Temporary Certificate is issued to the person whose name is on the registration), a photo ID and a $50.00 fee. For the Temporary Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation, you additionally need proof of successful completion of an approved 2 1/2 hour personal watercraft course.

Note: This fee is in addition to your permanent boating certificate and no person shall be issued more than one Temporary Certificate during his or her lifetime.

Approved Boating Courses
There are two types of DEEP approved basic boating courses offered throughout the state. They are the full eight-hour SBC/CPWO combination course for new boaters and the 2 ½ hour Personal Watercraft course needed to upgrade to a CPWO from an SBC or obtain a temporary CPWO. DEEP approved courses are offered by the DEEP, non-profit
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organizations and for profit companies. All DEEP approved boating classes must meet the same standards and time requirements regardless of which organization teaches the class.

DEEP sponsored combined basic boating and personal watercraft classes are offered at most community colleges and many other locations around the state. For information concerning the dates, times and locations of DEEP classes, visit our website www.ct.gov/deep/boatingclass or call 860-434-8638.

Note: A list of DEEP approved non-profit and for-profit organizations teaching classes can be found on the website as well.

Student Ambassador Program

The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection - Boating Division is happy to announce that the Student Ambassador program will be continuing this school year. The Student Ambassador Program provides middle and high school students an opportunity to teach their peers about safe boating. The program may fulfill a senior year or school community project requirement.

Becoming a Student Ambassador is a simple process. Participating schools appoint a maximum of three students to be a DEEP Student Ambassadors for their school, submit their name(s) to the Boating Division, and the Boating Division provides support to the student to successfully complete a boating safety project. Once projects are completed, the Student Ambassador’s work is displayed at their school, and the student receives a certificate from the Commissioner of the DEEP.

Launched in 2015, the Student Ambassador’s projects were also on display at the Legislative Office Building. Students walk away with a sense of pride for being selected, providing information to their peers and acquire a valuable distinction for their resumes.

For more information and how to participate, contact Jerry Desmond at 860-447-4350 or email to jerry.desmond@ct.gov.
Boating Education Assistant Program

In 2003, the state stopped charging boaters to park at boat launches after finding it was not cost effective. The Boating Division, instead, invested its resources to provide a valuable service known as the Boating Education Assistant Program.

Boating Education Assistants (BEA) perform the following duties:

• Conduct Vessel Safety Checks;
• Show boaters how to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species;
• Discuss clean boating techniques;
• Encourage boaters to pledge to be Clean Boaters;
• Assist with parking;
• Help keep the launches clean; and
• Provide a friendly face at the launch.

If you encounter one of our BEAs, take them up on their offer for a safety inspection - it could save your life. Pledge to be a Clean Boater and receive a free spill kit. To schedule a safety check, call Jerry Desmond at 860-434-8638.

If you are interested in becoming a BEA, look for open positions posted on the DEEP website in early Spring.

Useful Forms Available on the DMV Website

AU-463 - Motor Vehicle and Vessel Gift Declaration
B58 - Change of Address - For Individuals/For Organizations
B96 - Correction of Information For Vessels
B148 - Vessel Registration Application
B203 - Vessel Ownership Affidavit
B220 - Documents Required for Vessel Registration
B229 - Commercial Fishing Affidavit
H31 - Bill of Sale
J23V - Vessel Copy Records Request

https://portal.ct.gov/DMV
Just as you must have a vehicle registration of your car, you must have a Connecticut Certificate of Number (registration card with assigned registration number) and two validation decals to legally launch, moor or operate your boat. The only exceptions are:

- Non-motorized boats;
- Unmotorized sailboats less than 19 ½ feet in length;
- Boats registered in other states using Connecticut waters for 60 days or less;
- Boats documented with the U.S. Coast Guard using Connecticut waters for 60 days or less;
- Boats owned in countries other than the United States temporarily using the waters of the state; and
- Vessels owned by the United States, a state or a political subdivision of a state being used in the performance of governmental functions.

**Vessel Registration**

When you purchase a vessel, you are responsible for seeing that it is registered. The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is the agency that handles boat registrations. Evidence of ownership must be submitted at the time of registration. Upon receipt of the application and fee, a Connecticut Registration Number will be assigned. A Connecticut Certificate of Number (registration card) and two Connecticut Validation Decals will be issued. A Certificate of Number is valid until April 30 of the decal year. Connecticut registration numbers stay with the boat as long as it is registered in the state. A vessel is considered properly registered when you have a valid certificate on board and your numbers and/or current decals are properly displayed. (Exception: Recently registered boats operating under a temporary certificate of number need not display a validation decal until provided by the DMV.)

If you have questions or need more information call, the DMV Vessel Registration Information directly at 860-263-5718 or visit https://portal.ct.gov/DMV/Watercraft/Watercraft/helpful-tip/helpful-tip-boats.
Position of Registration Number and Validation Decals

The Registration Number must be at least three inches high, contrasting in color to the hull background and in block form. It must be painted on or attached to both the port and starboard bow of the vessel and positioned so it is visible and legible from at least 100 feet away. The registration number must read from left to right on both sides of the vessel. A Validation Decal must be placed two inches to the right of and in line with the assigned registration number. No other letters, numbers or validation decals (other than the current ones) may be displayed.

Vessels Numbered by Other States and Reciprocity

Documented vessels and vessels numbered by another state which are moored, docked or operated more than 60 days in Connecticut in any calendar year, must obtain a Connecticut Certificate of Decal from DMV and display a current Connecticut validation decal (but not a Connecticut registration number) on both sides of the bow. In addition, the owner must acquire a boating certificate that is recognized by Connecticut in order to operate the vessel on Connecticut waters. Connecticut boat users should check and obey local laws when operating in other states.

Note: Every entity leasing, renting or otherwise providing slips, dock space, dry storage, or moorings for vessels not registered in Connecticut is required to maintain a list of such vessels. Transient vessels need not be listed. The list must be available during normal business hours for inspection by any boating law enforcement officer. The rules for information collected differ slightly for those entities that provide such space by lease and those that provide such space by membership. If you have any questions, please contact the Boating Division regulatory section at 860-434-8638. (CGS Section 15-150a)

Connecticut Now Titles Boats

As of January 1, 2016, all motorboats and all sailboats 19.5 feet in length or longer are required to be titled through the Department of Motor Vehicles IF:

- They have a model year or construction date of 2017 or later; and
- They are registered in Connecticut where Connecticut is identified as the state of principal use; and
- They are NOT documented with the United States Coast Guard or titled in another state.

The fee for titling a vessel is $25.00.

For more information, go to our website www.ct.gov/deep/boating and click on Boat Registration/Abandoned Boats button
Certificate to Be On Board

A Certificate of Number or Certificate of Decal must be on board the vessel whenever the owner or any person authorized by the owner is aboard, except that rented boats may carry a rental agreement in lieu of a certificate.

Taxability of Vessels and Trailers

As a general rule, when a Connecticut resident or an individual who maintains a place of abode in Connecticut buys a vessel or trailer, Connecticut sales or use tax is due. The sales tax will be 6.35% of the purchase price for vessels and trailers used for transporting a vessel with a purchase date before July 1, 2018. Vessels and trailers used for transporting a vessel purchased on or after July 1, 2018 will be charged a tax rate of 2.99 percent.

Out-of-state residents or nonresident entities that have purchased a vessel with the intent of using it in Connecticut waters must pay a Connecticut use tax. This Connecticut use tax liability must be reported on the “Individual Use Tax” line of the purchaser’s Form CT-1040 NR/PY Connecticut Nonresident Income Tax Return. This use tax can be offset by documenting that sales or use tax has been properly paid to another state or municipality.

For Further Information: Call the Department of Revenue Services during business hours, Monday through Friday: 1-800-382-9463, or 860-297-5962 TTY, TDD and Test Telephone users only may transmit inquiries anytime by calling 860-297-4911.

Change of Address/ Change of Ownership/ Change of Registration Status

If you change your address or sell or otherwise dispose of your vessel, you must, within 15 days and in writing, notify the Department of Motor Vehicles, Marine Vessel Section, 60 State St., Wethersfield, CT 06161. In the case of an address change, keep your Certificate of Number on the boat after updating the address on the back of the certificate. We recommend that you send the notification by certified mail and keep a copy of the cancellation along with any receipts from the post office.

Hull Identification Number (HIN)

The Hull Identification Number (HIN) is a unique, 12 or 14 character string assigned by the manufacturers to vessels built after 1972. HINs identify one vessel from another. The HIN is usually found on the starboard side of the boat’s transom. The HIN should be recorded by the owner and put in a place other than the boat in case warranty problems arise or the vessel is lost or stolen. Owners of registered vessels manufactured after October 1, 1972, that do not have a HIN should call the Boating Division at 860-434-8638.

CHECK YOUR HIN!

If your boat was made after 1972 then the Hull Identification Number (HIN) on your registrations MUST match the HIN on your boat or you may have some explaining to do if checked by law enforcement.

The HIN is typically located on the OUTSIDE of your boat, on the upper right hand corner of the transom. If your boat doesn’t have a transom, like a canoe or kayak, then the number will be at the rear of the vessel, on the starboard (right hand) side, near the toprail. If your boat is a pontoon or catamaran, check the back of the starboard pontoon, or aftmost crossmember.

If needed, HIN corrections can be made with the DMV using the DMV form B-96. Be prepared to provide photographs or rubbings as proof of the actual number.
Boating Regulations

Enforcement

Several law enforcement agencies enforce Connecticut’s state statutes, regulations and federal navigational laws. Within their respective jurisdictions, the United States Coast Guard, state conservation police officers, municipal police officers, town marine officers, lake patrolmen and POST-certified harbormasters are empowered to enforce federal, state and local boating regulations. These enforcement officers have authority to stop and board boats to check for compliance with federal or state law or to search without warrant.

State and federal boating laws specify which vessels are allowed or required to display flashing lights. There are four kinds of flashing lights to which you should pay special attention.

Law enforcement vessels engaged in enforcement activities will likely display a flashing blue light or audible signal. Flashing blue lights or sirens are not allowed on any other vessels. Because of this, vessel theft alarms must be designed in a manner so that it cannot be confused with an ordinary warning signal or siren.

Vessels engaged in government sanctioned public safety activities, such as fireboats and certain commercial assistance vessels will use alternating flashing red and yellow light signals. An example of a commercial vessel displaying alternating flashing red and yellow light signals is a commercial assistance towing vessel that is assisting a disabled vessel.

High speed ferries, submarines and air cushion vessels (hovercraft) display flashing yellow lights as part of their required navigation lights. Also, a barge, when being pushed in front of or towed alongside a work vessel, will display a flashing yellow light on the bow and near its centerline. Finally, a Wing-In-Ground (WIG) vessel will use a high-intensity flashing red light when taking off, landing and in flight near the surface.

If you are being approached by a law enforcement or rescue vessel using flashing blue lights or alternating flashing red and yellow lights or an audible signal, you are required to:

1. immediately slow to a speed just sufficient to maintain steerage only;
2. alter course within your ability to not inhibit or interfere with the law enforcement or fire rescue vessel; and,
3. unless otherwise directed by an officer, proceed at a reduced speed until beyond the area of operation of the law enforcement or fire rescue vessel.

If you willfully or negligently obstruct or delay a law enforcement or fire rescue vessel answering an emergency call or pursuing a fleeing law violator, you may be fined up to $200.

If a vessel operator passes within 200 feet of a stationary law enforcement vessel using its lights and audible signal or a fire rescue vessel using its lights, the vessel operator is required to slow the operator’s vessel to Slow-No-Wake speed until it is more than 200 feet away from the law enforcement or fire rescue vessel. If someone fails to slow as required, the offender shall be subject to a fine of between $50 to $200.
**Definitions of Terms**

The following definitions will prove useful in understanding the rules and regulations related to boating.

- **Regulated Navigational Area.** Water area within a defined boundary for which regulations for vessels navigating within the area have been established under 33 CFR Part 165.
- **Restricted Visibility.** Conditions in which visibility is restricted by fog, mist, falling snow, heavy rainstorms, sandstorms or any other similar causes.
- **Safety Zone.** A water area, shore area, or water and shore area to which, for safety or environmental purposes, access is limited to authorized persons, vehicles or vessels. The Commissioner of the Department of Energy & Environmental Protection is authorized to create temporary safety zones for a period not to exceed 72 consecutive hours, unless an emergency warrants otherwise.
- **Security Zone.** An area of land, water, or land and water, which is designated under 33 CFR Part 165 by the United States Coast Guard for such time as is necessary to prevent injury or damage to the area or to secure the observance of the rights and obligations of the United States.
- **Slow-No-Wake.** A vessel shall not produce more than a minimum wake and shall not attain speeds greater than six miles per hour over the ground unless a higher minimum speed is necessary to maintain steerageway when traveling with a strong current. In no case shall the wake produced by the vessel be such that it creates a danger or injury to persons, or will damage vessels or structures of any kind.

**State and Federal Waters**

- **Federal Waters.** Navigable waters of the United States, as defined by 33 CFR 2.36(a), within the territorial limits of the state.
- **State Waters.** All waters within the territorial limits of the state except federal waters.
- **Waters of state.** All waters, including federal waters, within the territorial limits of the state.
- **Underway.** When a vessel is not moored, anchored, made fast to the shore, or aground.

**Restricted Safety and Security Zones**

No person shall operate, allow the operation of a vessel, or anchor any vessel on the waters of the state within a safety or security zone or a regulated navigational area.

**Restricted Operating Distances and Speed Areas**

No person shall operate a vessel or cause a water skier to pass within one hundred feet of a flag, buoy or other device, marking the location of an underwater swimmer or diver.

- No person shall operate a motorboat, excluding a personal watercraft, at a speed in excess of Slow-No-Wake within 100 feet of shore, or a dock, pier, float or anchored or moored vessel, unless taking off or landing a water skier.
- No person shall operate a personal watercraft at a speed in excess of Slow-No-Wake within 200 feet of shore, or a dock, pier, float or anchored or moored vessel, unless taking off or landing a water skier.

When within 100 feet of buoys marking a restricted swimming area or boat access area, vessels shall be operated at Slow-No-Wake.

**Speed Regulations**

When no limits are posted, operate the boat so it will not endanger others. The boat must be able to stop safely within the clear distance ahead. When passing near marinas, fishing areas, swimming areas, a vessel at anchor, or similar places, reduce speed. Operators are responsible for damage caused by their wakes.

In Connecticut, speed is limited by law for certain conditions and areas. Comply with posted regulatory signs and the regulations printed within this chapter.

Every vessel must, under crowded conditions or in reduced visibility, slow down and operate with careful regard for existing circumstances and conditions. Actions such as speeding in confined or restricted areas or skiing at prohibited times or in restricted areas can also be construed as reckless or negligent operation.

**Reckless Operation**

Reckless operation is the failure to exercise the degree of care necessary to prevent endangering another person or their property.

**Age Restrictions**

- No person under the age of 12 may serve as the observer for a vessel engaged in water skiing.
- No person under the age of 12 may operate a vessel that is propelled by greater than 10 horsepower unless accompanied by a person who is at least 18 years of age and who has a SBC or CPWO.
- Every person under the age of 13 must wear a USCG approved PFD when the vessel they are aboard is underway, unless that person is below deck or in an enclosed cabin.
- No person under the age of 16 may operate a PWC or a JAV. (Note exception.)
- No person under the age of 16 may operate a vessel that is engaged in recreational towing activity, such as water skiing or tubing.

**Age Restrictions - Exceptions**

- A person under the age of 16 may be permitted to operate a vessel, other than a personal watercraft, without first obtaining a SBC or CPWO only when under the direct onboard supervision of a person at least age 18 who has had a boating certificate for at least two years.
- A person under the age of 16 may be permitted to operate a PWC after obtaining a CPWO only when under the onboard supervision of a person at least age 18 who has a CPWO.
Age Restrictions, Underage Operation - Owners Held Responsible

Owners who knowingly permit an underage person to operate their vessel in violation of these rules may be held accountable for the actions of the underage person.

Hazardous Conditions

Enforcement officers can terminate a voyage and require the operator of the vessel to return to the nearest mooring if they discover a hazardous condition onboard. The operator must then correct this condition before proceeding on his or her way.

Mooring to Buoys

The only buoys you are permitted to moor to are mooring buoys. Mooring to a navigation buoy or other aid to navigation or regulatory marker is illegal.

Overloading

Never overload your boat with passengers or cargo beyond its safe carrying capacity. Capacity labels are required on all vessels less than 20 feet manufactured after 1972, and are affixed by the manufacturer. Connecticut law forbids altering, defacing or removing the plate.

Riding on Decks or Gunwales

While underway in a vessel under power, do not ride on the bow, gunwale, transom, or in any position which is obviously dangerous. Riding on or hanging over the bow can interfere with stability and may restrict the operator’s visibility. No operator of a vessel under power shall allow any person to be on a decked-over bow of such vessel while underway unless the bow of the vessel is equipped with a handrail that encompasses the bow, and all persons on the bow are inward of such handrail. On vessels under power with open bows not decked-over, no operator shall allow any person to sit or stand on the gunwale at the bow of the vessel while underway. These provisions shall not apply to persons in or on the bow of vessels engaged in anchoring, mooring, or docking activities, and when the vessel is proceeding at a dead slow speed.

Diving and Underwater Operations

In Connecticut, anyone involved in underwater swimming or diving is required to display a clearly visible red flag with a white diagonal stripe. The flag must be two-sided, not less than 13 inches high and 15 inches long. The white diagonal stripe must be reflectorized if the flag is to be used at night. It is extremely dangerous and a violation of the law for a diver to surfce or swim more than 50 feet from this flag. No more than four divers may use the same diver flag unless it is displayed from a boat, in which case the number of divers must be limited to the legal capacity of the boat.

The blue/white ALPHA flag is also used to show underwater operations from a vessel in federal waters. It may be used in addition to the state’s diver down flag. Boaters must not come within 100 feet of the dive flag.

It is illegal to snorkel or SCUBA dive from a state boat launch.

Water Skiing and Parasailing

In Connecticut, the definition of water skiing includes the towing of any person behind a vessel under power whether or not they are attached by a rope or any other means. This definition includes all towed water sports including water skiing, tubing, wakeboarding, wakesurfing, etc.

Effective October 1, 2015, in order to operate a vessel that is engaged in tubing or water skiing you must; (1) be at least 16 years old; (2) hold a valid U.S. Coast Guard-issued vessel operator license or a valid boating certificate issued by CT, MA, NH, NY or RI; and (3) have a CT Safe Water Skiing Endorsement issued by DEEP.

Exception: If, prior to October 1, 2015, you obtained a valid license issued by the USCG or a valid boating certificate issued by CT, MA, NH, NY or RI, you are not required to have a Safe Water Skiing Endorsement. Persons who are younger than 16 years of age, or who do not have a valid license issued by the USCG or a valid boating certificate issued by CT, MA, NH, NY or RI, are not eligible to operate a vessel engaged in tubing or water skiing.

Persons who obtain one of the above described certificates from

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Kite-skiing and parasailing are prohibited anywhere water skiing is prohibited or subject to special regulations. Kite-skiers and parasailers shall not fly over or under obstructions such as utility lines and bridges; nor shall they fly over dams, locks, docks, launching ramps, swim areas, marinas or congested areas.

Self-propelled waterskis and surfboards, and remote control devices which tow water skiers, are prohibited in Connecticut.

All waterski jumps and slalom courses require a permit. Contact the Boating Division or visit www.ct.gov/deep/boating for information.

A quick summary of the water skiing and parasailing section:

- Boaters operating a boat while engaged in towed water sports must carry their endorsement.
- Boaters may not waterski or operate the towing vessel so as to endanger persons or property.
- The number of persons in a towing boat plus the number of persons being towed may not exceed the legal capacity of the boat, except by Marine Event Permit.
- Police may terminate the water skiing activity of a given vessel for the remainder of a given day if anyone on or being towed by that vessel violates water skiing regulations.
- Two water skiing violation convictions in one year will mean the loss of endorsement for the remainder of that year and the year that follows. Restoration is available only upon completion of the suspension period and passing the water skiing class.
- Teak surfing and platform dragging is prohibited.
- Violation of this section is now an infraction.

**Wing-In-Ground (WIG) Vessels**

A wing-in-ground (WIG) effect vessel must be approved by the DEEP before operating recreationally and by the U.S. Coast Guard before operating for commercial or for research purposes.

**Marine Event Permits**

On state waters, all marine parades, regattas, races, tournaments, fireworks over water, exhibitions, or other activities requiring exclusive use of a portion of a water body, use of a state boat launch, or modification or suspension of any laws or regulations require a permit issued by the DEEP. Applications must be received by the DEEP Boating Division at least 45 days prior to the event.

For details visit the DEEP website www.ct.gov/deep/boating and select “Laws / Requirements / Permits”.

NOTE: If your event is on tidal waters, contact the USCG Sector Long Island Sound Marine Events Coordinator by phone: (203) 468-4565 or Email: D01-SMB-SECLISSPWMarineEvents@uscg.mil
**Marker (Buoy or Beacon) Permits**

All markers (buoys or beacons) other than a diver’s flag require a permit from the DEEP. This includes markers placed for swim areas, speed zones, navigation, information, and water ski courses or jumps. Visit the DEEP website at [www.ct.gov/deep/boating](http://www.ct.gov/deep/boating) and select “Laws / Requirements / Permits” for more details.

**Abandoned Boats**

If your boat is missing, report it to the police and check the Abandoned Boat website [www.ct.gov/deep/abandonedboats](http://www.ct.gov/deep/abandonedboats) in case it has been found and posted as abandoned.

If you find an abandoned vessel free floating and unattended you must contact law enforcement to report the find - it may be the only clue that an emergency is underway. Move the vessel only after law enforcement gives you permission. Under the law a boat is abandoned when it is:

- Free floating and unattended for more than 24 hours;
- Left on property without permission for more than 24 hours;
- Left at a mooring without payment;
- Left at a commercial facility for over a year without full payment; or,
- Improperly registered and left on the waters of the state.

If you are dealing with an abandoned boat:

- Submit a Notice of Abandoned Vessel to the Commissioner along with a $20 processing fee
- Wait 45 days
- If the owner does not collect the boat in 45 days, you will be issued a Notice of assumed Ownership. You can then do what you wish with the boat.

The abandoned boat process is a closed process. Only the legal owner of an abandoned boat can “claim” an abandoned boat from the table listed on the abandoned boat website.

The fine for abandoning a boat is $440.00, and under the abandoned boat law the last registered owner can be held liable for all costs associated with processing the abandoned boat.

To help avoid possible fines, cancel your registration in writing within 15 days of selling or destroying your registered boat. It’s the law! Send a cancellation note under your signature to the DMV Marine Vessel Section, 60 State Street, Wethersfield, CT 06161.

Complete instructions, rules, and necessary forms are available online at [www.ct.gov/deep/abandonedboats](http://www.ct.gov/deep/abandonedboats).

**Personal Watercraft Restrictions**

Personal Watercraft are subject to the following operation restrictions (for age restrictions, see page 22):

- No person shall operate a personal watercraft between sunset and sunrise or during periods of reduced visibility.

TUBING SAFETY TIPS

- Learn how to balance weight – properly position tubers based on the tube’s characteristics; some ride better with weight back, some need tubers to ride belly down.
- Turn off the engine and count to 10 before allowing a person into the water – the propeller continues to spin after the engine is shut off.
- Make sure the tuber and the observer understand and communicate hand signals; always listen to the tuber; use the spotter – the boat operator should not be watching the tuber.
- Use caution when making turns – tube speed increases during a turn and riders can fall off or be thrown; never have the tuber on the inside of a turn; plan ahead of the turn to make sure tube will have room to safely pass other boats or docks.
- Slow the boat speed when needed – when crossing wakes to avoid back injuries; when pulling more than one tube (and be extra vigilant) to prevent tuber collisions.
- Approach with caution on the operator side of the boat into the wind or current – then turn the engine off; keep engine off for re-boarding.
- Never back up to a person or allow them to use the propeller to re-board.
- Securely stow all gear and tube – at the end of the day before throttling up; never have someone coil the line for tube if the boat is in gear and the tube is still in the water or has any chance of flying out of the boat.
- Vessel operator should ensure that all participants are not entangled in the tow line prior to accelerating.

For additional safe water skiing information and our online water skiing course, visit [www.ct.gov/deep/waterskiendorsement](http://www.ct.gov/deep/waterskiendorsement).
• No passenger shall ride in front of the operator on a personal watercraft.
• No passenger shall ride upon a personal watercraft unless the passenger is able to securely hold onto the person in front of them or to the handholds on the personal watercraft, and is able to keep both feet on the deck of the personal watercraft so as to maintain balance while the personal watercraft is in operation.
• All persons aboard a personal watercraft shall wear a United States Coast Guard approved Type I, II, III or V personal flotation device, and no operator of a personal watercraft shall allow any person to be aboard who is not wearing such a device. Inflatable life jackets are not allowed.
• No person shall operate a personal watercraft at a speed in excess of Slow-No-Wake within 200 feet of shore or of a dock, pier, float or anchored or moored vessel, unless said personal watercraft is approaching such float, dock or shore for the purpose of enabling a person engaged in water skiing to take off or land.
• No person shall operate a personal watercraft towing a water skier without satisfying the Safe Water Skiing Endorsement requirements (See page 12) and no person shall waterski while being towed by a personal watercraft unless: (1) a capacity label affixed by the manufacturer indicates a carrying capacity of at least three persons: the operator, the observer and the skier; (2) minimum overall length of 119 inches, minimum overall width of 46 inches, minimum horizontal seat length of 39 inches [at least 13 inches additional seat length per person for greater than three person capacity]; (3) handholds at or near the rear of the seat suitable for use by a rearward-facing observer; and (4) an observer age 12 or older facing the skier at all times. The boat operator, observer and water skier must obey all other waterski rules.
• No person operating a personal watercraft shall cross or jump the wake of another vessel, when within 100 feet of the vessel creating such wake, in such a manner that the hull of the personal watercraft jumping the wake completely leaves the water.

• A “shut-off lanyard,” if so equipped, must be attached to the operator, his clothing, or his personal flotation device in a manner which will shut off the engine in the event the operator is ejected from the personal watercraft while underway.

**Boating Under the Influence (BUI)**

No person may operate a boat while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
A person shall be considered to be under the influence of intoxicating liquor if the ratio of alcohol in the blood is eight-hundredths (.08) of one percent or more of alcohol, by weight, or if the person is under 21 years of age, the level is .02.

The penalty for a first violation may be: a fine between $500 and $1,000; one year suspension of boating privileges, six months (at least 48 hours of which cannot be suspended or reduced) in jail or suspended plus probation requiring 100 hours community service.

The penalty for a second violation within 10 years may be: a fine between $1,000 and $4,000; three years suspension of boating privileges, two years (at least 120 days of which cannot be suspended or reduced) in jail and probation requiring 100 hours of community service.

The penalty for a third violation and subsequent violations within 10 years may be: a fine between $2,000 and $8,000, suspension of boating privileges for life, three years (at least one year of which cannot be suspended or reduced) in jail and probation requiring 100 hours of community service.

Penalties for refusal to submit to a chemical test are more substantial than failing the test.

**Boating Accidents and Reporting**

All operators of vessels involved in an accident must remain at the scene and assist any other vessel or person involved, if possible, without endangering their own vessel or the people aboard. The operator must also give his/her name, address and vessel identification number to the other operator(s) or owner of the damaged property.

Operators involved in a boating accident which results in any of the circumstances noted below shall immediately notify the nearest law enforcement agency with jurisdiction in the community service.
Boating Regulations

Boat Disposal
If you are the registered owner and have documentation to show this, then you can simply dispose of the boat. CGS Sec. 15-147 requires that you notify the DMV within 15 days of transfer, destruction, theft, loss or abandonment.

Below are some organizations that accept donated boats. You are encouraged to look online for additional organizations.

| Boats with Causes: | 1-888-228-7320  
| www.boatswithcauses.org/ct-boat-donation.htm |
| Vehicle Disposal Recycling Center: | 888-495-5886  
| www.givecars.com |
| Boat Angel: | 1-800-227-2643  
| www.boattangel.org |
| Boats 4 Heroes: | 240-750-9899  
| https://boats4heroes.org/boat-donations |
| American Cancer Society: | 1-888-227-5500  
| https://www.cancer.org/involved/donate/more-ways-to-give/cars-for-a-cure.html |

If you wish to dispose of your vessel at your local transfer station, contact them first to see if they accept vessels. Some require that the vessels be cut into pieces and have all liquids removed. Please properly dispose of all liquids.

If you encounter an abandoned boat, see the guidance on the DEEP - Boating Division website [www.ct.gov/deep/abandonedboats](http://www.ct.gov/deep/abandonedboats).

Any accident in which the total damages to all property affected is in excess of $500 must be reported by the operator not later than five days after the accident on forms provided by the DEEP. The form can be downloaded on our website: [www.ct.gov/deep/boating](http://www.ct.gov/deep/boating) select Laws/Requirements/Permits.

The operator of the vessel must make out the report, if they cannot do so, the owner or a survivor of the accident must initiate the report. (Page 65)

Rules for Jet Packs and Flyboards


- You must be 16 years of age or older to operate a (JAVs).
- You must have a valid Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation to operate a JAV.
- Anyone who can turn the JAV on or off, or who can influence the thrust, speed or direction of the JAV is considered to be an operator of the JAV. Under these rules it is possible for a JAV to have more than one operator.
- You are not allowed to use a JAV in a Slow-No-Wake area or within 200 feet of any dock, shore, pier or fixed structure or within 100 feet of any vessel except to transit the area: NO TRICKS ALLOWED!
As a boat operator, your fun on the water depends on your behavior. It is your responsibility to have the safety equipment required by law, to keep it on board in good condition, and know how to properly use it. YOU ARE IN COMMAND!

Connecticut Life Jacket and Personal Flotation Device (PFD) Laws

More than 90% of the drowning related boating fatalities may have been avoided by wearing a life jacket.

• There must be a wearable life jacket on board for each person aboard every vessel.
• Each life jacket must be readily accessible.
• Each life jacket must fit the intended wearer.
• If the vessel is required to have a Type IV “throwable” PFD (see page 32), it must be immediately available.

Life jackets must:

• Be U.S. Coast Guard approved.
• Have a legible label.
• Be of the correct size and fit for the wearer. A life jacket should fit comfortably snug and never cover your face or ride up past your ears.
• Be in serviceable condition (all straps and buckles must be in good condition and able to perform their jobs; all seams and material must be intact).
• Be worn by children under 13 years old on any vessel that is underway unless the child is below deck or in an enclosed cabin.

• Be worn by anyone operating or riding on a PWC.
• Be worn by anyone being pulled behind a boat (such as tubing or skiing).
• Be worn by anyone in a manually propelled vessel from October 1 through May 31 (must be Type I, II, III, IV or V-hybrid).

Remember:

• Ski belts are not legal life jackets.
• Inflatable life jackets may not be used by persons engaged in high-speed water sports (such as riding PWCs or water skiing) and may not be used by persons weighing under 90 lbs. or under 16 years of age.
• Inflatable life jackets may be a Type III or V. Check the label to determine if it must be worn to count as a personal flotation device.
• All vessels 16 feet and over, except kayaks and canoes, must also carry a Type IV throwable device in addition to the required number of wearable life jackets.
• Navigation rules (part of Federal Law) require all vessels (including manually propelled vessels) to have audible signaling devices. (See table on page 32.)
• Every vessel of 12 meters (39.36 ft.) or less in length must have some means of making an efficient sound signal.

Fire Extinguishers

• Fires involving burning wood, fabrics and paper (Type A) can be put out with water.
• Most boat fires consist of burning flammable liquids such as oil or gasoline (Type B). Check the table at the beginning of this section to determine how many Type B-1 fire extin-
Safety Equipment

Guishers you must have on your boat. Electrical fires can be put out with a Type C extinguisher.

- Check frequently to be sure that fire extinguishers are properly mounted where they can be easily reached. Check pressure gauges for proper pressure. Shake dry chemical units to be sure the chemical has not solidified and become useless. Replace any questionable extinguishers.

Important Note: Late in 2017, The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission published an important recall notice; Kidde Recalls Fire Extinguishers with Plastic Handles Due to Failure to Discharge and Nozzle Detachment: One Death Reported (Recall number: 18-022) All affected fire extinguishers should be replaced. For more information about this recall go to www.kidde.com and look under Support / Product Safety Notices.

Ventilation

Regulations require ventilation of all enclosed engine and fuel tank compartments on gasoline-powered boats. Intake ducting must extend midway to the bilge or at least below the carburetor air intake level. Exhaust ducting must extend from the lower bilge to cowls in the open air.

Manufacturers install exhaust blowers in engine compartments so that gasoline fumes can be removed before the engines are started. If your boat is installed with an exhaust blower, it is recommended that you turn it on for at least four minutes before starting the engine.

Visual Distress Signals (VDS)

Visual distress signals are used to summon assistance when in distress. Beware that the U.S. Coast Guard has recognized technological advances in VDS and has approved some electronic signaling devices. These devices when used properly are acceptable substitutions for traditional pyrotechnical signaling devices (flares).

As with any piece of safety equipment, there are advantages and disadvantages to different styles of VDS. Neither traditional nor modern VDS are perfect for every situation. Boaters must decide which VDS offer them the most benefits depending on the type and location of boating they do. When choosing a VDS careful consideration should be given to:

- Reliability;
- Ease of disposability of expired VDS;
- Intended waterbody;
- Visibility in areas of dense background lights;
- Dangers of burning a VDS;
- Length of useful signaling run time;
- Portability – whether the VDS can be carried safely and effectively by a person.

In the State of Connecticut VDS are not required except when boating on Long Island Sound (LIS) and on Fishers Island Sound (FIS).

The following vessels only need to carry VDS on LIS and FIS between sunset and sunrise:

- Recreational vessels under 16 feet;
- Open sailboats less than 26 feet that are not equipped with propulsion machinery; and
- Manually propelled vessels.

All other vessels need to carry three daytime and three nighttime VDS (or the equivalent) at all times while on FIS and LIS.

- Visual distress signals must be U.S. Coast Guard approved, in serviceable condition and stowed to be readily accessible.
- U.S. Coast Guard approved pyrotechnic visual distress signals and associated devices include:
  - Pyrotechnic red flares, hand-held or aerial.
  - Pyrotechnic orange smoke, hand-held or floating (day use only).
  - Launchers for aerial red meteors or parachute flares.
- If VDS are required there must be a minimum of three daytime and three nighttime signals, or three combination day/night signals. Pyrotechnic devices will have an expiration date that must not have passed.
- Non-pyrotechnic visual distress signaling devices include:
  - Orange distress flags.
  - Electric distress signals.
- Other VDS, such as those listed below, are useful and easy to carry and are recognized as distress signals, but do not count toward the requirement to carry approved VDS on LIS and FIS.
  - Signaling mirror.
  - Water dye.
- No person, operator or owner in a vessel shall display or allow the display of a visual distress signal except when assistance is needed because of immediate or potential danger to the vessel or to persons aboard.

Disposal of Expired Pyrotechnical Visual Distress Signals (VDS) – (Marine Flares)

Because of their chemical make-up and flammable characteristics, the disposal of expired pyrotechnical VDS is strictly regulated by the US EPA and US DOT. The Boating Division is NO LONGER able to collect expired VDS but does arrange a limited number of disposal opportunities each year.

We encourage you to take advantage of our Flare Day Events, which allow you the opportunity to dispose of expired VDS and to learn the proper way to use VDS before you need them in an emergency situation.

NOTE: Exceeding noise levels is a serious problem. Marine Police will be targeting areas, especially on the Connecticut River, to check for compliance. Exceeding noise levels will result in a fine of $220. Failing to submit to an on-site noise level test will result in a fine of $435. Subsequent failures to submit will result in a fine of $535.
Mufflers (Noise Levels)

No one shall operate a motorboat on the waters of this state unless the boat is equipped with a muffler or muffler system allowing it to be operated in compliance with state law. Noise levels range from 90dB(A) for older engines to 88dB(A) for engines made after January 1, 1993. Any marine police officer who believes a motorboat is being operated in excess of the established noise levels may request the operator to submit the motorboat to an on-site noise level test.

No person shall sell a motorboat which does not operate in compliance with the established noise levels. Boaters should contact the Boating Division if they are selling a vessel used only in marine races. No one shall operate a motorboat on the waters of this state that is equipped with a muffler or muffler system cutout, bypass or similar device that prevents the motorboat from operating in compliance with state noise levels and without authorization from the Commissioner.

Backfire Flame Arrestors

Internal combustion engines may backfire. To safeguard against fire, all inboard motorboats with carburetion must have a backfire flame arrestor system on each carburetor. Know where they are and keep them clean.

Trailering Your Boat

The DMV has laws relative to boat trailers. Each trailer having a gross weight of 3,000 pounds or more shall, when operated on any public highway, be equipped with a braking system operating on all wheels. For trailers having a gross weight of greater than 8,000 pounds, the brakes shall be capable of being controlled or operated from the driver’s seat of the towing vehicle. Trailers must be registered at the Department of Motor Vehicles.

Courtesy

Boating at high speeds is dangerous in restricted or congested areas. Each skipper is responsible for spotting and avoiding swimmers and slow-moving vessels. This is also important when picking up or dropping off water skiers.

NOTE: Connecticut law limits the width of vehicles and trailers that travel on Connecticut’s highways and bridges to 8½ feet. Vehicles or loads wider than this require an oversize vehicle permit. Oversize vehicle permits are available through the Department of Transportation https://portal.ct.gov/dot/permits/highways/osow%20-%20New
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<td>At least two ventilator ducts for the purpose of efficiently ventilating every closed compartment that contains a gasoline engine and every closed compartment containing a gasoline tank, except those having permanently installed tanks which vent outside the boat and which contain no unprotected electrical devices. Also, engine compartments containing a gasoline engine having a cranking motor must be open to the atmosphere or contain power operated exhaust blowers which can be controlled from the instrument panel.</td>
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**NOTE:** When a fixed fire extinguishing system is installed in the machinery space(s), it will replace one B-1 type portable extinguisher.
Welcome to boating in Connecticut!

The map with local ordinances, state boat launches, pumpout facilities, and Boating Infrastructure Grant funded transient facilities is back again. New this year is an alphabetical list of state boat launches located on Connecticut lakes, ponds, and rivers listed by the waterbody name. If you’re exploring a familiar waterbody or starting a new adventure, be sure to have the proper safety equipment by checking the list on page 32 or requesting a Vessel Safety Check by boating staff (see page 17 for additional information).

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Regulations are in force throughout the year, unless otherwise noted. Regulatory markers may be placed seasonally by the DEEP and private parties as a reminder, however the regulations are in effect regardless. The following pages contain state regulations, laws and local ordinances affecting boating.

Operate your vessel in a manner so as not to interfere with any other vessels, structures or people. Always have due regard for conditions and circumstances such as weather, current, visibility, water depth, width of channel, proximity to shore, water hazards, vessel traffic and water use.

Prohibited Activities at Boat Launches
Sec. 26-16-1 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies:

At any boating access area which is under the control of the Department of Energy & Environmental Protection and is intended to provide public access, or parking related to such access to streams, lakes, ponds or tidal waters, including Long Island Sound, the following regulations shall apply:

a. No person shall discard any fish or portion thereof.
b. No person shall dispose of any litter, as defined in Section 22a-248 of the Connecticut General Statutes, except into a receptacle provided for such purpose, and no person shall dispose at such facility of any litter not generated at such access area.
c. No person shall wash or clean any vehicle except a boat trailer. A vessel or boat trailer may be cleaned only with plain water. No person shall use any detergent or chemical agent to clean a vessel or boat trailer.
d. No person shall park a vehicle except in an area designated by the Commissioner for parking.
e. No person shall kindle a fire.
f. No person shall engage in camping.
g. No person shall engage in disorderly conduct.
h. No person shall damage any building, equipment, poster or vegetation.
i. No person shall use any such facility for purposes other than:
   1. fishing, where permitted;
   2. parking where permitted for the purpose of fishing, boating, hunting, or observing wildlife;
   3. launching of boats or;
   4. the observation of wildlife from constructed observation decks.
j. No person shall use any such facility for any purpose when it is posted closed by the Commissioner.
k. No person shall tie up, moor or anchor a vessel in a manner that may obstruct or interfere with the launching of any other vessel except when actively launching or retrieving a vessel.
l. No person shall leave any vessel unattended in the water or on land, or tied to any state dock or pier.
m. No person shall moor or anchor a vessel or leave a vessel on land at any such facility.
n. No person shall engage in any commercial activity at such facility unless so authorized by the DEEP.
o. No person shall erect or post any notice or sign unless authorized in writing by the Commissioner.
p. No person shall consume any alcoholic liquor. “Alcoholic liquor,” as used in this subsection, shall have the same definition as in section 30-1 of the Connecticut General Statutes.
q. No person shall engage in sport fishing from the courtesy docks or from the ramp surface when said sport fishing interferes with boating activities. “Courtesy docks” means, in this subsection, floating or non-floating platforms that are located adjacent to a launch ramp for use by boaters to facilitate the loading or unloading of boats.
r. No person shall engage in bathing, swimming, snorkeling or SCUBA diving.
s. Dogs must be on a leash no longer than seven feet and under the control of their owner or keeper. The person responsible for the dog must hold the leash at all times. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to the proper use of dogs while in the act of hunting, however, all dogs may be prohibited on any area or during any time period when so posted by the Department.

Facilities for Transient Boaters
Finding a place to dock for up to 15 days/night in coastal Connecticut has gotten easier! The Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP), through US Fish and Wildlife Service’s Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) Program, is providing grants to municipalities and private facility owners for transient tie-up opportunities for recreational boats 26 feet and larger. Congress created this program recognizing that infrastructure for large boats was not being addressed with funds generated by Federal excise tax on fishing equipment, trolling motors, import duties on boats and motorboat fuels. The tax from motorboat fuels is a significant portion of the funds collected under the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund and is now available to transient boaters under this user pay-user benefit program. Ten projects are complete and can be found on the map on pages 34 and 35 of this guide and in the list of facilities showing the icon for “Facilities for Transient Boaters” or FTB. More information on each facility can be viewed on DEEP’s interactive BIG Facility Map at www.ct.gov/deep/transientboaterfacilities. Zoom in to each site location and open the pop-up screen by clicking on the red star. To obtain more information, enlarge the screen for photographs and amenities offered. One project is in the construction phase. Contact Kate Brown at 860-447-4340 or e-mail: kate.brown@ct.gov for program information.
Local Regulations and Public Boat Launches

- Floating docks, where provided, will be installed no later than April 15 and the removal process will begin no earlier than November 15, weather conditions and water levels permitting.
- Unless otherwise noted, the boat launches are open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Boat launch photos and additional information is available at www.ct.gov/deep/boatlaunches
- When a state boat launch parking lot is full, the launch is closed and the additional launching/retrieval of vessels may not be allowed.
- Respect local and state regulations and ordinances regarding vessel speeds and safety requirements.
- Vehicle speed in boat launches is 10 MPH.
- Unless posted; parking spaces are for car w/trailers, or cars but only if single car spaces are full. Groups should park multiple cars in trailers.
- Operating powerboats on water bodies with horsepower restrictions: to comply with the requirements of any statute, regulation or ordinance restricting the horsepower or size of the engine on any vessel while being operated on an inland body of water, a person may (1) in the case of an outboard motor, remove the propeller from the boat’s engine and incline the engine out of the water so that the absence of the propeller is clearly visible, or (2) in the case of an inboard motor, remove the propeller from the boat’s engine and incline or trim the engine to an upright position. This section shall not be construed to allow vessels with the gasoline-powered engines on bodies of water where such engines are not allowed. (Sec. 15-136a. Compliance with certain engine size requirements.)
- Most state boat launches are not plowed.

ANDOVER

A1- Bishops Swamp Regulations
53 acres
Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

ANSONIA

A2- Colony Pond Regulations
City permit required; contact the town clerk. Open from dawn to dusk. Non-motorized vessels only, except for persons with qualifying disabilities. Life jackets must be worn at all times. Vessel must display town-issued permit stickers.

ASHFORD

A3- Ashford Lake - 50.8 acres
Public Access: none
Regulations: 10 mph limit, no water skiing, no motors 8:30 pm to 8:00 am

Halls Pond - 81.5 acres
(Ashford, Eastford)
See # E18- Eastford

A4- Lake Chaffee Regulations
33 acres
10 mph limit, no water skiing, no motors 8:30 pm to 8 am.

BARKHAMSTED

B1- Lake McDonough (Compensating Reservoir) - 391 acres
Launch is owned and operated by the Metropolitan District Commission and open the third Sat in Apr through Labor Day. Launching allowed only at the boathouse. Fee applies, for details see www.themdc.org/recreation-areas
Parking: 50 spaces

B2- West Hill Pond - 261 acres
Perkins Road, Barkhamsted Launch: Lake drawn down after Labor Day.
Regulations: 8 hp limit from Memorial Day through Sep 15; 6 mph between sunset and sunrise; 15 mph maximum during daytime. No water skiing.
Parking: 20 spaces

BERLIN

B3- Silver Lake - 146 acres
282 Norton Lane, Berlin
Regulations: 8 mph limit, no water skiing except for period Jun 15 to first Sun. after Labor Day, when speeds in excess of 8 mph and water skiing are permitted between 11 am and 6 pm
Parking: 15 spaces

BETHEL

Huntington State Park Pond
(Redding, Bethel)
See # R1 Redding

BETHELEHEM

B4- Long Meadow Lake Regulations - 120 acres
15 mph limit. Internal combustion engines prohibited.

BLOOMFIELD

B5- Barber Pond Regulations
9 acres
Manually propelled vessels permitted, May 16 to Oct 31. Use of all motors prohibited.

B6- Bloomfield Town Park Ponds Regulations - 10 acres
No boating during closed park hours.

BOLTON

B7- Bolton Lake, Lower -175 acres
1025 Boston Turnpike. Bolton Regulations: Motors limited to 6 hp. Parking: 30 spaces

BOZRAH

Gardner Lake
(Salem, Montville, Bozrah)
See # S1- Salem

BRANFORD

B8- Branford River
38 Goodsell Point Road, Branford Launch: Crowed on weekends, steep ramp.
Regulations: Stony Creek, 6 mph in the established channel from the reef extension of Linden Point northward. Branford Harbor, Slow-No-Wake in all waters north of the line from Indian Neck Point to Lovers Island. All tidal marshes, marsh channels and estuaries, Slow-No-Wake. All shores, 6 mph within 100 yards of any shore.
Parking: 50 spaces.
LOCAL REGULATIONS, BOAT LAUNCHES & PUMPOUT INFORMATION

B9- Lake Saltonstall Regulations
422 acres, (Branford, East Haven)
Use is available by permit from the South Central CT Regional Water Authority, 203-401-2654. Only Authority rental rowboats may be used. Renter-supplied electric motors may be used.

B10- Branford Yacht Club
(Branford River)
203-488-9798 Apr - Nov 15, Fri - Sun, 8 am - 7:30 pm; Mon - Thur, 8 am - 4:30 pm

B11- SHM Bruce & Johnson’s Marina
(Branford River)
VHF 9 or 203-448-8329
May 15 - Oct 30, Daily, 7 am - 5 pm

B12- Branford Town Pumpout
Boat
(West Haven, New Haven, East Haven, Branford, Thimble Islands and Sachem Head Harbor, Guilford)
VHF 9 or 203-430-9305
May 1 - Oct 31, Fri - Mon, 9 am - 5 pm

BRIDGEPORT

B13- Brewster Street
Launch is located at the end of Brewster St. Launch is owned and operated by the City of Bridgeport. Parking: on Street only

B14- Newfield Avenue
Launch is at the end of Newfield Ave. Launch is owned and operated by the City of Bridgeport. Parking: on Street only

B15- Seaside Park
1 Barnum Dyke, Bridgeport
Launch: Located in Seaside Park. Owned and operated by the City of Bridgeport. Park is open 9:00 am to Sunset. Regulations: Bridgeport Harbor Breakwater to point between Tongue Point and Pleasure Beach Pier: 12 mph. From that point to inner harbor including Johnson’s Creek, Yellow Mill River and Poquonnock River: 5 mph and no wake. Entrance to Black Rock Harbor at “FL G 7” to head of Cedar Creek Channel and Burr Creek: 5 mph and no wake. Parking: 60 spaces. Fees apply contact City of Bridgeport for details. 203-576-7233 or www.bridgeportct.gov/Parks sticker

B16- Captain’s Cove Marina
(Black Rock Harbor)
VHF 18 or 203-335-1433
May 1 - Nov 1, Daily, 8 am - 5 pm

B17- Cedar Marina
(Cedar Creek)
203-335-6262
Apr 15 - Oct 15, Mon - Sat, 8 am - 4:30 pm

B18- Fayerweather Yacht Club
(Black Rock Harbor)
VHF 14 or 203-576-8860
May 1 - Nov 1, Daily, 8 am - 10 pm

B19- Miamogue Yacht Club
(Bridgeport Harbor)
VHF 9 or 203-334-9882
Apr - Nov 1, Daily, 24 hours

BRIDGEWATER

B20- Lake Lillinonah- 1.547 acres
(Steel Bridge)
199 Main Street South, Bridgewater
Regulations: Vessels are prohibited from approaching within 300 feet on upstream side or 1,500 feet on downstream side of Shepaug Dam. Vessels are prohibited from approaching within 300 feet downstream of the Bleaching Dam. 45 mph limit daytime, 25 mph from ½ hour after sunset to ½ hour before sunrise. Parking: 50 spaces

BROOKFIELD

B21- Candlewood Lake Pumpout
Boat
(Services all of Candlewood Lake)
860-985-9474
Memorial Day weekend – Labor Day, Sat - Sun, 9 am - 5 pm

CHESTER

C1- Cheshire Town Park Ponds
Regulations
Launching or use of vessels powered by engines or motors prohibited without permission of the Director of Parks and Recreation.

C2- Cedar Lake
- 69.3 acres
1 Bishop Road, Chester
Regulations: 6 mph limit
Parking: 6 spaces

C3- Pattaconk Lake
- 422 acres
(Branford, East Haven)
Regulations: 5 mph limit and no wake. Use of internal combustion engines prohibited during Jul and Aug.

C4- Chester Regulations
No water skiing in designated anchorages or mooring areas. Unattended rafting of more than two (2) additional vessels on the same mooring or anchor of the host vessel is prohibited. Interference with free navigation is subject to a 120 dollar fine.

C5- Hays Haven Marina
(Cheswolde Creek)
860-526-9366
Fri - Sat, 8 am - 7:30 pm; Sun 9 am - 4 pm

C6- Chriholm Marina
(Connecticut River)
Pumpout Information
VHF 9 or 860-526-5147
May 5 – Nov 1, Daily, 24 hours

CLINTON

C8- Clinton Regulations
Slow-No-Wake/6 mph speed limit on the Hammonasset River, Hammonasset River to Can #11, Indian River from the Rte. 1 bridge to Can #11, and in Clinton Harbor from Can #11 to Can #3. Water skiing is permitted in the area bounded on the east by the water main to Cedar Island, on the south by the south bank of the Hammonasset River, on the west by the west bank of the Hammonasset River, and on the north by a line 100 feet south of the southerly border of the federal channel of Clinton Harbor until the channel ends, then by the north bank of the Hammonasset River.

C9- Cedar Island Marina Inc.
(Cheswolde Creek)
VHF 9 or 860-669-8881
Stationary: May 9 – Nov 8, Daily, 24 hours

C10- Clinton Yacht Haven Dockominium Association
(Cheswolde Creek)
860-669-7254 Apr 1 - Dec 1, 8 am – 5 pm
C11- Riverside Basin Marina  
(Hammonasset River)  
VHF 09 or 860-669-1503  
Apr 1 - Dec 15, Daily, 7:30 am - 4 pm

C12- Cedar Island Marina  
(Clinton Harbor)  
VHF 68 or 860-391-1450  
May 9 – Nov 8, Sat – Sun 8am – 6 pm and Jun 19 – Sep 11, Fri 12 pm – 6 pm (by appointment).

COLUMBIA
C18- Columbia Lake  - 281 acres  
Public Access: none  
Regulations: Two water-skiers per boat maximum. No water-skiing after sunset. No racing, wake jumping or figure 8. Operation of internal combustion engines forbidden 10 pm to 7 am, Apr 1 to Sep 30; then 6 pm to 8 am, Oct 1 to Mar 31. Operation of outboard motors over 80 hp or inboard motor over 150 hp prohibited.

C19- Mono Pond  - 113 acres  
(Mono Pond State Park Reserve)  
120 Hunt Road, Columbia  
Regulations: 8 mph limit, no water skiing  
Parking: 14 spaces

CORNWALL
C20- Cream Hill Pond Regulations  
72 acres  
Use of all motors prohibited on all bodies of water in Cornwall

DANBURY
D1- Candlewood Lake  
5,064 acres (Lattins Cove)  
8 Forty Acres Mountain Road, Danbury  
Regulations: No registered vessels 26-ft or larger permitted unless authorized in advance by the Commissioner (www.ct.gov/deep). Slow-No-Wake in Lattins Cove from the south end north 2,500 ft. and in Squantz Cove from the causeway south 2,500 feet. 45 mph daytime limit, 25 mph limit ½ hour after sunset to ½ hour before sunrise. M.S.D. (toilet) on vessels shall not be capable of overboard discharge.  
Parking: 100 spaces

COLEBROOK
C16- Colebrook River Lake  
826 acres  
Launch is owned and operated by US Army Corps of Engineers. Fee: $5.  
Regulations: 20 mph limit, no water skiing  
Parking: 50 spaces

C17- West Branch Reservoir  
(Hogsback Reservoir)  - 201 acres  
Located at the end of Durst Rd, Colebrook  
Launch is owned and operated by MDC. No water contact sports are not allowed. Swimming is prohibited.  
Parking: 30 spaces

COVENTRY
C22- Coventry Lake  
(Wangumaug) - 373 acres  
30 Cross Street, Coventry  
Regulations: 6 mph limit from sunset to one hour after sunrise all days and on Sundays from noon to 4 pm from May 15 to Sep 15 and from noon to 2 pm on Jul 4. Forty mph limit at other times. Vessels towing water-skiers to proceed in a counterclockwise direction. Town permission required for towing of more than two skiers at one time, parasailing, or hosting marine event. No drinking of alcoholic beverages while operating vessel.  
Parking: 26 spaces

DARIEN
D3- Darien Regulations  
Slow-no-wake in the following waters: Noroton Bay, Noroton Harbor, Ziegler’s Cove, Scott Cove, Tokeneke Beach Cove, Five Mile River and near the Fish Islands. Rafting of more than three (3) vessels prohibited.

D4- Darien Boat Club  
(Darien Harbor)  
VHF 9 or 203-655-1927  
Apr 15 - Nov 30, Daily, 8 am - 10 pm  
East Norwalk Blue, Inc. Pumpout Boat  
See #N34 - Norwalk

DEEP RIVER
D5- SHM Deep River Marina  
(Connecticut River)  
VHF 9 or 860-526-5560 May 1 - Oct 31, Mon - Fri, 8 am - 4:30 pm; Sat - Sun, 8 am - 5 pm  

DERBY
Lake Housatonic State Park  
(Seymour, Oxford, Derby, Shelton)  
See # S7- Shelton

D7- Witek Park Reservoir  
34.22 acres upper & 10.3 acres lower, Hill Road, Derby  
Regulations: Open dawn to dusk. Boating by City permit only. No internal combustion engines. No electric motors except for persons with qualifying disabilities. PFDs must be worn at all times. Launch from designated area only. On upper reservoir boaters must remain at least 50 feet from residential shoreline.  
Parking: 150 upper & 20 lower

DURHAM
D8- Millers Pond Regulations  
32.6 acres  
The use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

EAST HADDAM
E1- Bashan Lake  – 273 acres  
End of Ballahack Road No. 1, East Haddam  
Launch: Narrow, rocky channel  
Regulations: 35 mph limit. 6 mph limit from ½ hour after sunset to 8 am. No sitting on deck, bow or gunwale. No person shall tow more than two
water skiers simultaneously. Vessels towing water skiers shall proceed in a counterclockwise direction.

Parking: 15 spaces

E2- Lake Hayward (Shaw Lake)
172 acres
342 East Shore Drive, East Haddam
Regulations: Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.
Parking: 5 spaces

E3- Moodus Reservoir (Lower)
486 acres
100 Mott Lane, East Haddam
Regulations: Same as Lower Moodus Reservoir (above).
Parking: 10 spaces

Pickeral Lake
(Colchester, East Haddam)
See # C15- Colchester

E4- Moodus Reservoir (Upper)
486 acres; 3 Launching Area Road, East Haddam
Regulations: Use of all motors prohibited.
Parking: 30 spaces

E5- Salmon River
(Connecticut River)
117E Haddam Moodus Road, East Haddam
Access is flooded at times during the spring months.
Regulations: See # O7- Connecticut River
Parking: 60 spaces

E6- Town of East Haddam-FTB
(Connecticut River)
860-873-5021
Power Avail.: None
Max LOA: 30+ ft
Hrs: May - Oct, 24/7
Fees: Daily: 0-2 hrs, N/C; Nightly fee: $2/ft (2-4 hrs); $4/ft Overnight Fuel Avail.: None

EAST HAMPTON
E7- Lake Pocotopaug Regulations
511.7 acres
40 mph speed limit and motorboats not to exceed Slow-No-Wake (SNW) between 1/2 hour after sunset and 7 am SNW within 200 feet of shore, dock, pier, float, or anchored or moored vessel unless taking off with a water-skier or within 50 feet of other vessels. Beaching of vessels on community/public beaches prohibited. All motors must be complete with proper cover. Towing or launching into the air of persons prohibited. Ski jumps prohibited without permission. A vessel may tow no more than two persons at any one time. Vessels with built-in-toilets capable of overboard discharge prohibited. Portable toilets discharge prohibited.

Parking: 10 spaces

E8- Dodge Pond - 34.3 acres
15 Lake Avenue Ext, East Lyme Launch: Shallow pond Regulations: Use of all motors prohibited.
Parking: 30 spaces

E9- Gorton Pond – 52.4 acres
95 Kevin Road, East Lyme Regulations: 8 mph, no water-skiing. Use of personal watercraft prohibited.
Parking: 15 spaces

E10- Pattagansett Lake – 128 acres
290 Boston Post Road, East Lyme Regulations: 8 mph limit, no water skiing except for the period of Jun 15 to first Sun after Labor Day, when speeds in excess of 8 mph and water skiing are permitted between 11 am and 6 pm
Parking: 15 spaces

EAST LYME
E11- Powers Lake – 144 acres
179 Whistletown Road, East Lyme Regulations: 8 mph limit, no water skiing
Parking: 20 spaces

E12- Cini Memorial Park
(Niantic River)
22 Main St. Under the west end of the Niantic River Bridge, Regulations: See # E14-Niantic River
Launch is owned and operated by the Town of East Lyme.
Parking: 80 spaces

E13- Grand Street
(Niantic River)
Located at the end of Grand St. Regulations: See # E14-Niantic River
Launch is owned and operated by the Town of East Lyme.

Parking: 20 spaces

E14- Niantic River Regulations
6 mph speed limit within:
(a) federal navigation channel,
(b) 200 ft. of shore-upper Niantic River, (c) Pattagansett River Estuary area (see signs), (d) 100 ft. of shore, dock, pier, float or anchored or moored vessel. No obstruction of channels or fairways. Swimming prohibited in channels, water skiing prohibited in channels/anchorages, within 200 ft. of shore in upper Niantic River, in Pattagansett River restricted speed area, and within 100 ft. of any dock, pier, float or anchored or moored vessel.

E15- Port Niantic Marina
(Niantic River)
860-739-2155
May 1 - Oct 15, Daily, 8 am - 4 pm

E16- Niantic Dockominium Association
(Niantic River) 860-739-8585
Mar 15 - Nov 15, Daily, 8 am - 5 pm;

EAST HAVEN
Lake Saltonstall
(Branford, East Haven)
See # B9- Branford

Branford Town Pumpout Boat
See #B12- Branford

E17- Niantic River Pumpout Boat
(Niantic River)
VHF 68 or 860-287-2774
May 24 - Sep 2, Fri - Mon, 9 am - 5 pm; Sep 7 - Oct 27, Sat - Sun, 9 am - 5 pm

EASTPORT
E18- Halls Pond - 81.5 acres
80 Kennerson Road, Eastford
Regulations: 8 mph limit, no water-skiing
Parking: 5 spaces

ELLINGTON
E19- Crystal Lake - 183 acres
100 West Shore Road, Ellington
Regulations: 6 mph limit sunset to 9 am and on Sun. from noon to 3 pm, 45 mph limit at other times. No person shall operate a personal watercraft, jet-ski type vessel. No person shall tow anyone or anything, except a disabled vessel, with a motorboat on Sun. from noon until 3:00 pm. No kite-skiing or parasailing. No towing of more than two water-skiers. No water-skiing from 4 pm to 10 am from the third Sat. in Apr to third Sat. in May. An operator of a vessel towing a water-skier shall proceed in a counterclockwise direction around the lake. No mooring over 75 feet from shore. No discharge of sewage or boat camping overnight without a no-discharge toilet aboard.
Parking: 7 spaces

Shenipsit Lake - 532 acres
See # T4- Tolland

ENFIELD
E20- Kings Island
(Connecticut River)
50 Parsons Road, Enfield
Launch jointly owned and operated by the DEEP and Northeast Utilities.
Parking: 20 spaces
LOCAL REGULATIONS, BOAT LAUNCHES & PUMPOUT INFORMATION

ESSEX

**E21- Essex Regulations**
Middle Cove and all fairways, mooring areas and anchorages in Essex — water skiing and obstruction of free use prohibited; no swimming in designated channels and fairways and no discharging of any untreated sewage into the waters of Essex Harbor.

**E22- SHM Dauntless Marina**
(Connecticut River)
VHF 68 or 860-767-8267
Apr 15 - Nov 15, Daily, 8 am - 5 pm

**E23- Connecticut River**
**Pumpout Boat**
(Haddam, Chester, Deep River, Essex, Lyme, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook)
VHF 72 or 860-463-9753
May 15 - Jun 30, weekends and holidays 9 am - 5 pm; Jul 1 - Aug 31, Sat – Thu (with Fri as a make-up day) 9 am – 5 pm; Sep 1 – Oct 27, weekends and holidays 9 am – 5 pm and additional service as needed based on boater demand and special events.

FAIRFIELD

**F1- Fairfield Regulations**
All Fairfield waters -no mooring or abandoning of vessels without Park Commission approval.

**F2- Pequot Yacht Club**
(Southport Harbor)
VHF 69 or 203-255-5740
May - Sep 2, 8am - midnight; Sep 3 - Oct, 8 am - sunset (call for appointment)

**F3- South Benson Marina**
(Ash Creek)
203-400-2838
Apr 15 - Nov, Daily, 10 am - 6 pm

**East Norwalk Blue, Inc. Pumpout Boat**
See # N34 - Norwalk

FARMINGTON

**Batterson Park Pond**
(New Britain, Farmington)
See # N2- New Britain

**GLASTONBURY**

**G1- Diamond Lake Regulations**
30 acres
Vessels with motors attached prohibited.

**GOSHEN**

**G2- Dog Pond**
- 65.8 acres
160 Town Hill Road, Goshen
Parking: 4 spaces

**Mohawk Pond**
- 16.2 acres
(Cornwall, Goshen)
See # C21- Cornwall

**G3- Tyler Lake**
- 187 acres
12 Park Road, Goshen
Parking: 5 spaces

**G4- West Side Pond**
- 41.9 acres
330 West Side Road, Goshen
Parking: 3 spaces

GRANBY

**G5- Minutock Lake Regulations**
54 acres
5 mph limit in restricted areas. Use of motors in excess of 7½ hp prohibited on Sat.

GREENWICH

**G6- Greenwich Regulations**
Inner Harbor, including Byram Harbor, Greenwich Harbor, Cos Cob Harbor, Greenwich Cove, Tomac Creek, Port Chester Harbor- 5 mph limit and no water skiing. Outer Harbor, bounded by Byram Point, Great Captain Island, Little Captain Island, Greenwich Point - vessels to proceed at Slow-No-Wake speed when passing other vessels. Island Beach — vessel operation prohibited within 400 feet except for discharge of passengers at float and use of boat access area. Main Beach (E. Greenwich Point) - vessel operation prohibited within 500 feet except at south end of beach near rocky area.

**G7- Beacon Point Marine**
(Mianus River)
203-661-4033
May 1 - May 24 and Sep 3 - Nov 15, Daily, 8 am - 4:30 pm; May 25 - Sep 2, Daily, 8 am - 8 pm

**G8- Grass Island Municipal Marina**
(Greenwich Harbor)
203-618-9695
May - Oct 15, Daily, 24 hours

**G9- Mianus River Boat & Yacht Club**
(Mianus River)
203-869-4689
Apr - Nov, Daily, 24 hours

**G10- SHM Yacht Haven Marina**
(Pumpout Boat)
(Mianus River, Greenwich Harbor, Stamford Harbor)
See #S15 - Stamford

GRISWOLD

**G11- Glasgo Pond**
- 168 acres
(Pachaug State Forest)
45 Hillview Heights, Griswold
Parking: 20 spaces

**G12- Hopeville Pond**
- 137 acres
(Hopeville Pond State Park)
844 Hopeville Road, Griswold
Launch: Open from the Fri before the third Sat in Apr through Nov 8 am to sunset.
Regulations: 8 mph limit, no water skiing.
Parking: 20 spaces

**G13- Pachaug Pond**
- 841 acres
(Pachaug State Forest)
945 Voluntown Road, Griswold
Regulations: No water-skiing within 1,000 feet of the dam.
Parking: 40 spaces

GROTON

**G14- Bayberry Lane**
150 Bayberry Lane, Groton
Launch: Very crowded, may flood at high water levels above 3.5 ft MLLW.
Regulations: See #G19 Pine Island Bay and Baker’s Cove
Parking: 30 spaces

**G15- Bluff Point**
(Bluff Point State Park)
44 Depot Road, Groton
Launch is at the end of the road to the west of the park entrance.
Regulations: See #G19 Pine Island Bay and Baker’s Cove
Parking: 40 spaces

**G16- Mystic River**
600 River Road, Groton
Regulations: See #G18 Mystic River
Parking: 8 spaces

**G17- K.E. Streeter**
(Thames River)
58 Fairview Avenue, Groton
Regulations: See # N13- Thames River
Parking: 25 spaces

**G18- Mystic River Regulations**
(Groton – Stonington)
Slow-No-Wake: (Area 1) Between the entrance to the Mystic Harbor and Red Navigation Marker #22, excluding Beebe Cove. Entrance to Mystic Harbor is a line beginning at the southernmost tip of Mouse Island, east to Red Navigation Buoy “4” (Whale Rock), to Green Navigation Buoy “9”, to the northern tip of Ram Island and the southernmost tip of Mason Point, and (Area 2) from Red Navigation Buoy “26” northward to Green Navigation Buoy “53”.

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G19- Pine Island Bay and Baker’s Cove Regulations
For the period of May 15 - Sep 15, in the area bounded on the west by a line extending from the southwesternmost point of Avery Point to the westernmost point of Pine Island and bounded on the east by a line extending from the southernmost point of the east bank of Baker Cove to the westernmost point of Bushy Point, all motorboats must operate at Slow-No-Wake and no water skiing is permitted.

G20- Mystic Shipyard
(Mystic River)
VHF 9, 68 or 860-536-6588
Apr 1 - Dec 31, Daily, 8 am - 8 pm
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G21- Noank Shipyard
(Mystic River)
VHF 9 or 860-536-9651
Memorial Day Weekend - Labor Day, 9 am - 5 pm; after summer hours as needed.
★

G22- Noank Village Boatyard
(Mystic River)
VHF 72 or 860-536-1770
Mem. Day Weekend - Columbus Day, Daily, 24 hours (weather permitting through Dec 1.)
★

G23- Shennecossett Yacht Club
(Pine Island Bay)
VHF 68 or 860-449-8279
May 11 - Oct 21, Daily, 8 am - 7 pm
★

G24- Spicer’s Noank Marina
(West Cove)
VHF 68 or 860-536-4978
May 1 - Columbus Day: call for availability
★

G25- Shrink the Boat L.L.C.
Pumpout Boat
(Mystic River, Noank, Groton Long Point)
VHF 68 or 860-245-6002 or petes-marineservices.com
Memorial Day weekend - Columbus Day, Daily, 8 am - 4 pm. After Columbus Day - Nov 1, all service areas by appointment only on-line.
★

G26- East River
168 Circle Beach Road, Guilford
Regulations: No person shall operate any vessel in the East River, within Sluice Creek, within Sluice Basin, in the Guilford Channel, to a line of intersection from the Jacobs Beach breakwater southwest of Buoy C-13 or in the West River and south thereof to the southernmost point of Chaffinch Island at a speed greater than four miles per hour. Parking: 25 spaces
★

G27- Town Marina
505 Whittfield St, Guilford
Launch is owned and operated by the Town of Guilford. Fee: $70 season pass or $6/day
Regulations: See # G26- Guilford Parking: 20 spaces
★

G28- Quonquonquash Lake - 98.7 acres; 4240 Durham Road, Guilford
Regulations: 6 hp limit. Motorboat operation prohibited between 9 pm and 6 am
Parking: 8 spaces
★

G29- Lake Menunkatuck
Regulations
6 hp limit.

G30- West Lake Regulations
6 hp limit. Motorboat operation prohibited between 9 pm and 6 am

G31- Guilford Yacht Club
(West River)
VHF 71 or 203-415-3427
May 1 - Oct 31, Daily, 9 am - 6 pm
★

G32- Branford Town Pumpout Boat
See # B12- Branford
★

HAMPTON
H6- Hampton Reservoir
88.3 acres
(Nachaug State Forest)
400 Kenyon Road, Hampton
Regulations: Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.
Parking: 3 spaces
★

HADDAM
H1- Haddam Meadows
(Haddam Meadows State Park- Connecticut River)
2 Island Dock Road, Haddam
Launch: In State Park, at the end of the road.
Regulations: See # O7- Connecticut River
Parking: 100 spaces
★

H2- Higganum Reservoir
30.8 acres
(Higganum Reservoir State Park)
155 North Dish Mill Road, Haddam
Launch: No ramp
Regulations: 8 mph limit, no water skiing
Parking: 4 spaces
★

H3- DAMAR Ltd./Midway Marina
(Connecticut River)
860-345-4330
Jun 1 - Oct 31, Daily, 24 hours

H4- Connecticut River Pumpout Boat
(Haddam, Chester, Deep River, Essex, Lyme, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook)
See # E23- Essex
★

HAMDEN
H5- Lake Wintergreen- 45 acres
(West Rock Ridge State Park)
29 Main Street, Hamden
Launch: Water is 200 feet from parking area.
Regulations: Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.
Parking: 30 spaces
★

HARTFORD
H8- Charter Oak Landing
(Connecticut River)
I-91, Exit 27. Go east off the exit and take the first left onto Brainard Rd., then left onto Reserve Rd. Charter Oak Landing is on the right. Launch is owned by the City of Hartford and operated by Riverfront Recreation. Regulations: See # O7- Connecticut River
Parking: 26 spaces
★

H9- Riverside Park
(Connecticut River)
I-91, Exit 33, east on Jennings Road. Take first right, then next left to Riverside Park and launch area. Launch is owned by the City of Hartford and operated by Riverfront Recreation. Regulations: See # O7- Connecticut River
Parking: 30 spaces
★

HARTLAND
H10- Howells Pond
14.3 acres
(Dish Mill Road, Hartland
Regulations: Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.
Parking: 10 spaces
★
HEBRON

H11- Holbrook Pond - 83.3 acres
142 Gilead Street, Hebron
Launch: Shallow launch conditions.
Regulations: 8 mph limit, no water skiing.
Parking: 50 spaces

H12- Gay City Pond Regulations
2 acres
All vessels prohibited.

KENT

K1- Hatch Pond - 71.5 acres
2 Bulls Bridge Road, Kent
Launch: Shallow pond, weed problems.
Regulations: 8 mph limit, no water skiing.
Parking: 10 spaces

K2- Lake Waramaug - 656 acres (Lake Waramaug State Park)
30 Lake Waramaug Road, Kent
Launch: Approximately 150 ft. carry to water.
Regulations: From May 15 through Sep 15, inclusive, Slow-No-Wake in the cove adjacent to the State Park in northernmost 1,300 feet of the cove. 12 HP limit. Seaplanes prohibited. Call 860-868-6427 for vessel inspection prior to launching. A total of only 20 non-residents are allowed on the water through the town and state park launches. Also See # W3- Washington regulations
Parking: 15 spaces (13 non-town resident parking).

K3- Leonard Pond - 20 acres
74 South Kent Road, Kent
Launch: Approximate 100 ft carry to water.
Parking: 3 spaces

KILLINGLY

K4- Alexander’s Lake Regulations
215 acres
Motors limited to 12 cubic inches (approx. 10 hp).

K5- Killingly Pond Regulations
(Killingly Pond State Park)
122 acres
Motors are limited to 12 cubic inches (approx. 10 hp).

K6- Quinebaug Pond (Wauregan Reservoir) - 87.6 acres (Quinebaug Lake State Park)
75 Shepard Hill Road, Killingly.
Launch: dirt ramp.
Regulations: Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.
Parking: 12 spaces

K7- Ross Pond - 31 acres
(Old Furnace State Park)
223 Ross Road, Killingly
Regulations: Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.
Parking: 30 spaces

K8- Tetreault Pond Regulations
8 mph limit, no water skiing.

KILLINGWORTH

K9- Schroeder Pond (Chatfield Hollow Pond) Regulations
3 acres
All vessels prohibited.

LEBANON

L0- Savin Lake Regulations
Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

LEDYARD

L1- Bush Pond Regulations
(Ledyard, North Stonington)
Regulations: 5 mph limit, no water skiing.

L2- Lantern Hill Pond - 23.1 acres
734 Lantern Hill Road, Ledyard
Launch: Approach to ramp is difficult.
Parking: 6 spaces

L3- Poquetanuck Cove
Launch: Rte. 12, take first road southwest of Poquetanuck Cove Bridge to launch site.
Launch is owned and operated by the Town of Ledyard.
Parking: 4 spaces

EMPTY/DRIFTING CRAFT = EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Cost of response helicopter:
$11,408 PER HOUR

Cost of response boat:
$3,735 PER HOUR

Your cost to prevent unnecessary response:
$0

Use an “If Found” sticker to identify your paddle craft. Doing so helps Search and Rescue responders determine if a true emergency exists, prevents unnecessary searches saving tax payers thousands of dollars in associated search cost, and enables the paddle craft to be returned to its rightful owner.

To get your FREE sticker, contact the State of Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection at:
Phone: 860-434-8638
Email: deep.boating@ct.gov

Vessel Identification Sticker
IF FOUND - CONTACT

Name: ____________________________
Phone: ____________________________

To report a boating emergency in Connecticut’s navigable marine waters, use VHF Ch.16 or call US Coast Guard (203) 468-4401. On inland waters call 911. Use waterproof marker. Place in a visible, weather protected area.
LOCAL REGULATIONS, BOAT LAUNCHES & PUMPOUT INFORMATION

L4- Stoddard Hill
(Stoddard Hill State Park Scenic Reserve- Thames River)
1942 Route 12, Ledyard
Regulations: See # N13- Thames River
Parking: 20 spaces

L5- Blissville Pond Regulations
50 acres;
Use of all motors prohibited.

L6- Shetucket River
Rte. 169, turn north onto Wheelabrator Corp. access road.
Launch is on the left. Boat launch is owned and operated by town of Lisbon. Closed Dec 1 to Mar 1.
Parking: 6 spaces

L7- Bantam River Regulations
Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

L8- Mount Tom Pond
- 56.3 acres (Mount Tom State Park)
20 Mt. Tom Road, Litchfield.
Launch: In State Park
Regulations: Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.
Parking: 9 spaces

L9- Hadlyme Ferry
(Connecticut River)
154 Ferry Road, Lyme. Adjacent to the Hadlyme Ferry.
Regulations: See # O7- Connecticut River
Parking: 10 spaces

L10- Norwich Pond
- 29 acres (Nehantic State Forest)
Keeny Road, Lyme
Launch: In Nehantic State Forest
Regulations: Operation of motorboats prohibited.
Parking: 9 spaces

L11- Uncas Pond (Hog Pond)

LISBON

L12- Hamburg Cove Regulations
(Connecticut River)
6 mph limit (enforced by Harbormaster)

L13- Reynolds' Garage & Marine
(Hamburg Cove)
860-434-0028
Pumpout Information
May - Nov, Mon - Fri, 8 am - 5 pm;
Sat, 9 am - 4 pm
FTB information
Power Avail.: 30 amps
Max LOA: 40 ft
Hrs: Memorial Day - Labor Day, Mon - Fri 8 am - 5 pm, Sat 9 am - 4 pm
Fees: Call for pricing and availability
Fuel Avail.: None

Connecticut River Pumpout Boat
(Haddam, Chester, Deep River, Essex, Lyme, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook)
See # E23- Essex

LITCHFIELD

L14- Housatonic River Regulations
Wepawaug River, Indian River, Beard's Creek seaward to a line from Welches Point to Charles Island to Silver Beach, also within 100 feet of channel from harbor entrance south to red buoy #4 and green can 5 - 6 mph when passing boats and anchorages. No water skiing in Gulf Pond or within 200 feet of a designated channel or anchorage.

MANSFIELD

M3- Mansfield Hollow Lake
(Naubesuck) - 460 acres
(Mansfield Hollow State Park)
Bassett Bridge Rd, Mansfield.
Launch is owned by US Army Corps of Engineers.
Regulations: 8 mph limit, no water skiing
Parking: 50 spaces

MARLBOROUGH

M4- Lake Teramuggus Regulations
- 83 acres
Motors are limited to 3.3 hp.

MARTINSVILLE

M5- Hanover Pond Regulations
The operation of any remote-controlled craft prohibited. Steerage speed only for all vessels.

MIDDLEBURY

M6- Hop Brook Lake
- 26 acres
Launch is owned and operated by US Army Corps of Engineers. Fee: $5
Regulations: Non-motorized vessels and boats with electric motors only.
Park is open third Sat in Apr until Columbus Day. 8 am to sunset.
Parking: 50 spaces

M7- Lake Quassapaug Regulations
- 271 acres
(Middlebury, Woodbury)
Motorboats shall not be operated at night between 11 pm and 6 am Daytime speed limit is 25 mph except from third Sat in Apr to the first Tue after Labor Day, daytime limit is 6 mph.

MIDDLEFIELD

M8- Besek Lake
- 116 acres
212 Baileyville Road, Middlefield
Launch: Crowded on weekends; shallow waters in northern end of lake.
Regulations: 8 mph limit, no water skiing except for the period Jun 15 to first Sun. after Labor Day when speeds in excess of 8 mph and water skiing are permitted between 11 am and 6 pm
Parking: 20 spaces

MILFORD

M12- Housatonic River
686 Naugatuck Avenue, Milford
Regulations: See # M14- Housatonic River
Parking: 53 spaces

M13- Milford Harbor Regulations
Wepawaug River, Indian River, Beard's Creek seaward to a line from Welches Point to Charles Island to Silver Beach, also within 100 feet of channel from harbor entrance south to red buoy #4 and green can 5 - 6 mph when passing boats and anchorages. No water skiing in Gulf Pond or within 200 feet of a designated channel or anchorage.

M14- Housatonic River Regulations
(Milford, Shelton, Stratford)
No person shall operate a motor-boat in excess of Slow-No-Wake: (A) when passing marinas, yacht clubs, fuel docks, anchorages and docks, boat launches and congested areas. (B) Within the following specific areas: (1) the area bounded northerly by a point five hundred feet upstream from navigation aid #4 and bounded southerly by a point five hundred feet downstream from navigation aid #3; (2)
the channel east of Nells Island and all channels, creeks or water-ways within the Charles E. Wheeler Wildlife Management Area, including Nells Island; 3) the area bounded northerly by the Devon railroad bridge between Milford and Stratford and bounded southerly by navigation aid #14; and (4) the area bounded northerly by the northernmost tip of Wooster Island and bounded southerly by the southernmost tip of Wooster Island.

**M15- Milford Boat Works**  
(Milford Harbor)  
VHF 68 or 203-877-1475  
Memorial Day weekend-Columbus Day, Mon - Fri, 8 am - 4:30 pm

**NEW HARTFORD**

**N7- Lighthouse Point**  
(Lighthouse Point Park)  
2 Lighthouse Road, New Haven  
Launch is located within the park. It is owned and operated by the City of New Haven.  
Parking: 60 spaces

**NEW FAIRFIELD**

**N4- Ball Pond** - 82.5 acres  
9 Ball Pond Rd, New Fairfield  
Regulations: Vessels with motors attached prohibited.  
Parking: 8 spaces

**NEW CANAAN**

**N3- New Canaan Town Park Ponds Regulations**  
Use of vessels prohibited without permission of Director of Recreation.

**NEW MONTVILLE**

**Gardner Lake**  
See # S1- Salem

**MONROE**

**Lake Zoar**  
See # S9- Southbury

**MONTVILLE**

**Gardner Lake**  
See # S1- Salem

**MORRIS**

**M19- Bantam Lake** - 947 acres  
16 Palmer Road, Morris  
Regulations: 6 mph limit in Nick’s Cove. Boats towing waterskiers not permitted within 150 feet of shore, except taking off or landing, no riding on deck, no motors 11 pm to 5 am, no kite skiing or parasailling without permission.  
Parking: 20 spaces

**NEW HAVEN**

**N7- Lighthouse Point**  
(Lighthouse Point Park)  
2 Lighthouse Road, New Haven  
Launch is located within the park. It is owned and operated by the City of New Haven.  
Parking: 60 spaces

**NEW LONDON**

**N12- Waucoma Yacht Club**  
(Quinnipiac River)  
203-789-9530  
Apr - Nov, Mon - Fri, 12 pm - 6 pm

**Branford Town Pumpout Boat**  
See # B12- Branford

**N14- City of New London - FTB**  
(Thames River)  
860-443-3786 Call or email harbor-master at bjneff1369@sbcglobal for availability.  
Power Avail.: 30/50 amps  
Max LOA: 100+ ft  
Hrs: Memorial Day - Labor Day  
Fees: $35/day for moorings. Call for slip pricing

**N15- Crocker’s Boatyard, Inc.**  
(Shaw’s Cove)  
VHF 9 or 860-443-6304  
Mar 1 - Nov 30, Daily, 8 am - 4:30 pm

**N16- Ferry Slip Dockominium Association**  
(Thames River)  
860-460-8957  
Memorial Day weekend - Labor Day, Daily, 9 am - 5 pm
N17- New London City Pier  
(Thames River)  
VHF 9 or 860-443-3786  
Memorial Day weekend - Labor Day, Daily, 24hrs

N18- Thamesport Marina  
(Thames River)  
Pumpout information  
VHF 9 or 860-442-1151  
May 1 - Oct 31, Daily, 9 am - 5 pm  
FTB information  
Power Avail.: 30/50 amps  
Max LOA: 100+ ft  
Hrs: May 1 - Oct 31, Daily 9 am - 5 pm  
Fees: $3/ft  
Fuel Avail.: Gas/Diesel

N19- Shrink the Boat, L.L.C.  
Pumpout Boot  
(Lower Thames River, Pine Island Bay)  
See #G25 - Groton

NEW MILFORD

N20- Housatonic River Regulations  
Vessels are prohibited from approaching within 300 feet on upstream side and downstream side of Bleachery Dam.

Lake Zoar  
See #S9- Southbury

Lake Lillinonah  
See #B20- Bridgewater

NORTH STONINGTON

N23- Anderson Pond (Blue Lake)  
56.6 acres  
441 Cossaduck Hill Road, North Stonington  
Parking: 8 spaces

N24- Billings Lake - 97.4 acres  
100 Billings Lake Road, North Stonington  
Parking: 6 spaces

Bush Pond  
See #L1- Ledyard

N25- Hewitt Pond Regulations  
3 acres  
Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

N26- Lake of Isles - 88.7 acres  
Lake Isles Road, North Stonington  
Launch: Gravel launch  
Regulations: 8 mph limit  
Parking: 10 spaces

Lake Isles Road, North Stonington  
N26- Lake of Isles  
- 88.7 acres  
Launch: Shallow pond.

NORTH STONINGTON

N27- Long Pond - 109 acres  
690 Lantern Hill Road, North Stonington  
Regulations: 5 mph limit, no water skiing  
Parking: 35 spaces

N28- Wyassup Lake - 101 acres  
145 Wyassup Lake Road, North Stonington  
Regulations: 8 mph limit, no water-skiing except for period Jun 15 to first Sun after Labor Day, when speeds in excess of 8 mph and water-skiing are permitted between 11 am and 6 pm. No towing of surf boards or water-skiers at any time between the islands and the east shore.  
Parking: 8 spaces

N29- Norwalk Regulations  
6 mph, minimal wake: Five Mile River; within 300 feet of shore between Five Mile River and Noroton Point; Wilson Cove (Noroton Point to Tavern Island to the knob of Wilson Point); portions of Village Creek; the entire inner harbor (Keyser Point to light #10 to Round Beach to Calf Pasture Beach); and within 300 feet of Calf Pasture Beach.

N30- City of Norwalk-FTB  
(Veterans Park)  
203-829-8892  
Power Avail.: 30/50 amps  
Max LOA: 100+ ft

N31- Norwalk Cove Marina  
(Charles Creek)  
VHF 9, 72 or 203-838-7600  
May - Oct, Mon - Fri, 8 am - 7 pm; Sat - Sun, 8 am - 6 pm

N32- Norwalk Visitor’s Dock  
(Norwalk Harbor)  
VHF 9 or 203-829-8892  
Apr 1 - Oct 31, Daily, 24 hours

N33- Rex Marine Center  
(Norwalk River)  
203-866-5555  
May 1 - Nov 30, Daily, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

N34- East Norwalk Blue, Inc.  
Pumpout Boat  
(Darien, Norwalk, Westport and Fairfield)  
VHF 77 or 203-857-1077  
May 15 - Oct 30, Wed - Sun, 10 am - 4 pm

NORWALK

N35- Bog Meadow Pond Regulations  
Use of boats and canoes prohibited.

N36- The Marina at American Wharf  
(Thames River)  
VHF CH 68 or 860-886-6363  
Apr 15 - Oct 15 Daily, 8 am - 6 pm

N37- American Wharf Pumpout Boat  
(Thames River)  
VHF 68 or 860-886-6363  
Apr 15 - Oct 15, Daily, 8 am - 6 pm

OLD LYME

O1- Four Mile River  
99 Old Cart Path, Old Lyme  
Launch: Shallow launch conditions at low tide; clearance problem at high tide.  
Parking: 55 spaces

O2- Great Island  
99 Smith Neck Road, Old Lyme  
Launch: Shallow at low tide  
Regulations: See # O7- Connecticut River

O3- Lieutenant River  
17 Shore Road, Old Lyme  
Parking: 3 spaces

O4- Rogers Lake - 260 acres  
102 Grassy Hill Road, Old Lyme  
Regulations: Marine heads are prohibited. Boats propelled by airplane propeller, fan or ducted fan are prohibited. Parasails are prohibited. Maximum of two water-skiers per boat. Personal watercraft operation permitted from 10 am to 6 pm Mon through Fri and 10 am to 7 pm Sat and Sun.No person shall operate any boat on Rogers Lake which is propelled by an engine having a horsepower exceeding 135. Motor-powered craft prohibited beyond sign in cove at northwest end of lake. Boat traffic to proceed in southerly direction only on west side of Picnic Island, south-westernly direction only in excess of steerable way between Picnic Island and Whale Island, counterclockwise pattern throughout lake when in excess of steerable way speed. Speed limits: year-round, sunset to 10 am, 6 mph; steerable way with no wake in cove by Hains Park and in boat launch channel.  
Parking: 20 spaces

O5- CT DEEP Marine Headquarters  
(Connecticut River)  
VHF 9 or 860-434-6148  
Memorial Day weekend - Oct 31, Mon - Fri, 9 am - 4 pm; Sat - Sun and holidays, 10 am - 5 pm
LOCAL REGULATIONS, BOAT LAUNCHES & PUMPOUT INFORMATION

Connecticut River Pumpout (Old Saybrook-Hartford)
(2) The area bounded northerly by the navigation aid Connecticut River light #14 and bounded southerly by the southern most point of Saybrook Point in Old Saybrook;
(3) The area bounded northerly by navigation aid Connecticut River Red Nun #20 and bounded southerly by the railroad bascule bridge in Old Saybrook;
(4) The area bounded northerly by a point 800 feet upstream from the East Haddam Bridge and bounded southerly by a point 1,500 feet downstream from the East Haddam Bridge;
(5) The area bounded northerly by a point 500 feet downstream from the highway bridge in Middletown and bounded southerly by navigation aid Connecticut River light #87;
(6) The area bounded northerly by the navigation aid Connecticut River light #113 and bounded southerly by the water tower on property now or formerly known as the Connecticut Foundry in Rocky Hill;
(7) The area bounded northerly by the railroad bridge (north of the Bulkeley Bridge) and bounded southerly by navigation aid #143 (south of the Charter Oak Bridge).

07- Connecticut River Regulations (Old Saybrook-Old Saybrook)
Shad fishing occurs on the Connecticut River, south of the Putnam Bridge to Long Island Sound. Boaters should use caution, during sundown on Sunday to sundown on Friday, to avoid Gill nets being used by Shad fisherman. Be sure to alert small floating lights at each end.

The following overall speed limits shall apply:
(A) A 25 mph nighttime speed limit from 1/2 hour after sunset until 1/2 hour before sunrise on all days of the year.
(B) A 30 mph limit from 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset on Saturdays and Sundays from the Sat preceding Memorial Day to the Sun preceding Labor Day inclusive and on Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day.
(C) 45 mph limit from 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset, Mon through Fri, inclusive, during all seasons, and on Saturdays and Sundays from the Sat following Labor Day to the Fri preceding Memorial Day inclusive.

No person shall operate a motor boat under 16 in boat must be accompanied by an adult. Boats prohibited under 16 in boat must be accompanied by an adult. Boats prohibited within 50 feet of swimming areas. Rowboats may not exceed 14 feet, canoes 16 feet.

08- Oak Leaf Marina - FTB
(Connecticut River) VHF Channel 9 or 860-388-9817
Power Avail.: 30/50/100 amp
Max LOA: 100 ft
Hrs: Apr 1 - Oct 31, Mon - Fri 9 am - 5:30 pm, Sat 8 am - 4 pm, Sun 11 am - 3 pm; Nov 1 - Apr 1 closed
Fees: call for prices & availability
Fuel Avail.: None

09- Ragged Rock Marina
(Connecticut River) VHF 9 or 860-388-1049
Apr 1 - Nov 30, Mon - Fri, 9 am - 4 pm

O10- Saybrook Point Marina
(Connecticut River) Pumpout Information
VHF 9 or 860-395-3080
May 1 - Oct 31, Daily; May & Sept 9 am - 6 pm, Jul & Aug 7:30 am - 7:30 pm
FTB Information
Power Avail.: 30/50/100 amps
Max LOA: 240 ft
Hrs: May 1 - Oct 31, Daily 7:30 am - 7:30 pm

O11-SHM Ferry Point Marina
(Connecticut River) VHF 9 or 860-388-3260
May 1 - Nov 15, Daily, 24 hours

O12- S&S Marine, LLC
(Connecticut River) Pumpout Information
860-388-9112
Apr 1 - Dec 31, Mon - Fri, 9 am - 5 pm; Sat, 9 am - 12 pm
FTB Information
860-388-9112
Power Avail.: 30/50/100 amps
Max LOA: 65 ft
Hrs: Apr 1 - Dec 1, Mon - Fri 9 am - 5 pm, Sat 9 am - 12 pm
Fees: Daily: $1/ft; Nightly: $3.50/ft
Fuel Avail.: None

O13- Connecticut River Pumpout Boat
(Old Saybrook, Deep River, Essex, Lyme, Old Saybrook)
See # E23- Essex

P3- Paderewski Pond Regulations
16 acres
Use of all motors prohibited. Maximum 3 persons per boat and each must wear a PFD. Persons under age 16 in boats must be accompanied by an adult. Boats prohibited within 50 feet of swimming areas. Rowboats and sailboats may not exceed 14 feet, canoes 16 feet.

P4- Lake Winfield Regulations
16 acres
Use of all motors prohibited. Maximum 3 persons per boat, each must wear a PFD. Persons under age 16 in boats must be accompanied by an adult. Vessels prohibited within 75 feet of swimming areas. Rowboats and sailboats may not exceed 14 feet, canoes 16 feet.

P5- Plymouth Reservoir
See # S7- Shelton

P6- Great Hill Pond Regulations
76.1 acres
Use of motors over 6 hp prohibited, 12 mph limit.

P7- Jobs Pond Regulations
36 acres
Use of all motors prohibited.

P8- Petzold’s Marine Center
(Connecticut River) 860-342-1196
Apr - Nov, Mon - Fri, 8 am - 5 pm; Sat, 8 am - 1 pm

P9- Portland Boatworks
(Connecticut River) 860-342-1085
May 1 - Nov 1, Daily, 8 am - 4:30 pm

PORTLAND
LOCAL REGULATIONS, BOAT LAUNCHES & PUMPOUT INFORMATION

P10- Portland Riverside Marina
(Connecticut River)
860-342-1911
May 1 - Oct 15, Daily, 8 am - 5 pm

P11- Yankee Boat Yard & Marina
(Connecticut River)
VHF 68 or 860-342-4735
May 15 - Dec 30, Daily, 7 am - 7 pm

PRESTON
P12- Amos Lake - 113 acres
158 Preston Plains Rd., Preston
Regulations: 8 mph limit, no water skiing except for period Jun 15 to first Sun after Labor Day, when speeds in excess of 8 mph and water skiing are permitted between 11 am and 6 pm.
Parking: 25 spaces

P13- Avery Pond - 50.6 acres
45 Lynn Drive, Preston
Regulations: 8 mph limit, no water skiing
Parking: 10 spaces

REDDING
R1- Huntington State Park Ponds
Regulations - 20 acres
Use of internal combustion engines prohibited

RIDGEFIELD
R2- Mamanasco Lake - 89.2 acres
48 Mamanasco Road, Ridgefield
Regulations: Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.
Parking: 10 spaces

R3- Pierronpont Lake - 45 acres
(Seth Low Pierronpont State Park Scenic Reserve)
60 Barlow Mountain Road, Ridgefield
Launch: Access immediately on the right in State Park.
Regulations: Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.
Parking: 3 spaces

R4- Great Pond Regulations
Use of internal combustion engines prohibited

SALEM
S1- Gardner Lake - 529 acres
( Gardner Lake State Park)
147 Old Colchester Road, Salem
Regulations: 6 mph limit from sunset to 8 am Slow-No-Wake between Minnie Island and the eastern shore.
Parking: 54 spaces

S2- Horse Pond - 13.2 acres
295 New London Road, Salem
Regulations: Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.
Parking: 10 spaces

S3- Mitchell Pond Regulations
Vessels with motors attached prohibited.

SALISBURY
S4- Twin Lakes - 843 acres
State Boat Ramp Access Road, Salisbury
Launch is located on East Twin Lake
Regulations: Seaplanes prohibited. 3 water-skiers limit per boat, 35 mph limit except 6 mph limit within 200 feet of vessel or dock except taking off or landing water-skier, also 6 mph limit from 1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2 hour after sunrise. Water skiing activity to go counterclockwise on east and west halves of East Twin Lake.

S5- Wonsoscopomuc Lake
348 acres
Ethan Allen St, Salisbury
Launch is owned and operated by the Town of Salisbury.
Open 7 am to 8 pm from third Sat in Apr to Labor Day; from Labor Day to Oct 31, Mon - Fri, 7 am to 8 pm, weekends, 7 am to noon. $10 fee for nonresidents.
Regulations: Motors are limited to 12 cubic inches (approximately 10 hp). No water skiing.
Parking: 20 spaces

S6- Mudge Pond (Silver Lake)
207 acres
90 Silver Lake Shore Road, Sharon
Launch: Weed-choked in summer.
Regulations: 7 1/2 hp limit, 6 mph limit.
Parking: 14 spaces

SHELTON
S7- Lake Housatonic - 328 acres
(Indian Well State Park)
400 Indian Well Road, Shelton
Launch: Launch is located in Indian Well State Park, open Apr - Sep, call 203-735-4311.
Regulations: Vessels are prohibited from approaching within 300 ft. on upstream side or 1500 ft. on downstream side of Lake Housatonic Dam. Vessels proceeding upstream or downstream bear to their right. Minimum steering speed within 25 ft. of shore or dock.
45 mph limit daytime, 25 mph from 1/2 hour after sunset to 12 hour before sun-rise. No kite skiing or parasailing without permission.
Parking: 45 spaces

SOMERS
S8- Somersville Mill Pond
Regulations-25 acres
6 mph limit, no water skiing.

SOUTHURY
Lake Lillinonah
See # S20 - Bridgewater

S10- Crescent Lake Regulations
45 acres
Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

STAFFORD
Crystal Lake
See # E19- Ellington

S11- Staffordville Lake Regulations -125 acres
40 mph limit except 5mph limit after 8 pm during Jul and Aug and after 7:30 pm at other times, also before 10 am on Sat and holidays and before noon on Saus.

STAMFORD
S12- Stamford Regulations
No vessels permitted within 100 feet of Cummings Park fishing pier. Slow-No-Wake (1) in Cove Island Channel, (2) in Westcott Cove west of a line extending from the jetty separating the two beaches at Cummings Park to the easternmost point of Shippan Point Peninsula, and (3) in Stamford Harbor, north of a line beginning at the southern tip of Shippan Point, then along the east breakwall to its western end, then south two hundred (200) feet, then west to a point south of the eastern end of the west breakwall, then north to the southwestern corner of the federal anchorage, then west to Highwater Rock and on to the unnamed charted rocks located approximately eight hundred (800) feet northwest of the end of the west breakwall, then north to the southern end of the stone jetty located southwest of the Dolphin Cove inlet.

S13- Czesck Municipal Marina
(Stamford Harbor)
203-977-5008
Apr - Nov, Daily, 24 hours

S14- Stamford Landing Marina
(Stamford Harbor)
VHF 9 or 203-965-0065
Apr - Nov, Daily (except closed Wed), 9 am - 5 pm
LOCAL REGULATIONS, BOAT LAUNCHES & PUMPOUT INFORMATION

S15- SHM Yacht Haven Marina Pumpout Boat
(Stamford Harbor)
VHF 9 or 203-359-4500
May 1 - Oct 13, Daily, 8 am - 5 pm

S16- SHM Yacht Haven Marina (North Yard)
(Stamford Harbor)
203-359-4500
May - Oct; Mon - Fri, 8 am - 4 pm; Sat - Sun, 8 am - 6 pm

STONINGTON

S17- Barn Island
(Barn Island Wildlife Area)
249 Palmer Neck Road, Stonington
Launch: very crowded on weekends.
Parking: 60 spaces

S18- Stonington Regulations
(Stonington Harbor)
Slow-No-Wake for mechanically propelled vessels within the area bounded by the railroad causeway to the north, and within the area bounded to the south by the breakwater, and generally within a line from fixed navigation aid #5 (the end of the breakwater) to fixed Red navigation aid #8. No water skiing within Stonington Harbor and within the waters north of a line running from red and green buoy “SP” to buoy “2” to the northwest tip of Sandy Point to Edwards Point. Also See # G18- Mystic River Regulations

S19- Dodson Boatyard
(Stonington Harbor)
VHF 78
May 15 - Sep 15, 8 am - 9 pm; Sep 16 - Nov 15, 8 am - 7 pm

S20- Greenhaven Marina, LLC - FTB
(Pawcatuck River)
VHF 9 or 860-599-1049
Power Avail.: 30 amps
Max LOA: 40 ft
Hrs: May - Oct, 24/7
Fees: $1/ft for moorings
Fuel Avail.: None

S21- Mystic River Marina
(Mystic River)
VHF 9 or 860-536-3123
Apr 1 - Nov 30, Mon - Fri, 8 am - 5 pm; Sat - Sun, 8 am - 7 pm

S22- Mystic Shipyard East
(Mystic River)
VHF 860-536-6588
Apr 1 - Dec 1, Daily, 24 hours

S23- Norwest Marine Inc.
(Pawcatuck River)
VHF 68 or 860-599-2442
May 1 - Oct 31, Daily, 24 hours

S24- SHM Yacht Yard at Mystic
(Mystic River)
VHF 9 or 860-536-2293
May 1 - Oct 31, Fri - Sat, 8 am - 6 pm, Sun - Thu 8 am - 5 pm

Westerly Pumpout Boat
See # X4 – Rhode Island, Westerly

STRATFORD

S25- Housatonic River and Greater Stratford Harbor Regulations
4 mph limit when passing boats and anchorages.
Also See # M14 -Housatonic River

S26- SHM Stratford Marina
(Housatonic River)
VHF 9 or 203-377-4477
Apr 1 to Memorial Day weekend, Mon - Fri, 8 am - 3pm; Memorial Day weekend - Labor Day, Sun - Thur, 8 am - 6 pm; Fri - Sat, 8 am - 8 pm; avail. after Labor Day to first freeze by appointment.

S27- Town of Stratford Pumpout Boat
(Housatonic River - Milford & Stratford) VHF 68; Memorial Day weekend - Labor Day, Thu - Mon, 10 am - 6 pm; after Labor Day - Oct 31, Fri - Sun, 10 am - 6 pm

SUUFFIELD

S28- Suffield Town Park Ponds Regulations
Vessels with motors attached prohibited.

THOMPSON

T1- Little Pond - 64.8 acres
23 Lakeview Street, Thompson
Launch: Gravel launch, shallow pond.
Parking: 6 spaces

T2- Quaddick Reservoir - 407.7 acres
(Quaddick State Park)
678 Quaddick Town Farm Road, Thompson
Launch: Open Apr 15 through Nov 27, 8 am to sunset.
Parking: 6 spaces

T3- West Thompson Lake - 239 acres
Launch: Rte. 193, go straight across Rte. 12 at traffic light. Take first right, then first left after park headquarters to launch. Launch is owned and operated by the US Army Corps of Engineers. Regulations: 5 mph limit, no swimming or water contact activities.
Parking: 15 spaces

TOLLAND

T4- Shenipsit Lake - 532 acres
(Tolland, Ellington, Vernon)
Note: Use of boats restricted to those stored on site. Contact the Shenipsit Lake Boat Storage Facility (860-875-1850) for additional information concerning boat storage space availability.

TORRINGTON

T5- Burr Pond - 85.1 acres
(Burr Pond State Park)
699 Burr Mountain Road, Torrington
Launch: Heavily used, good sailing, shallow at ramp. Regulations: 8 mph limit, no water skiing. Parking: 25 spaces

T6- Stillwater Pond - 100 acres
985 Norford Road, Torrington
Launch: Regulated use of internal combustion engines prohibited. Parking: 6 spaces

UNION

U1- Bigelow Pond - 24.5 acres
(Bigelow Hollow State Park)
South End of Bigelow Brook Road, Union
Launch: Closed to motorized watercraft. Launch is owned and operated by the US Army Corps of Engineers. Regulations: Use of internal combustion engines prohibited. Parking: 15 spaces

U2- Breakneck Pond Regulations
91.7 acres
Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

U3- Mashapaug Lake - 287 acres
(Bigelow Hollow State Park)
Bigelow Brook Road, Union
Launch: In State Park
Regulations: 8 mph limit, no water skiing.
Parking: 15 spaces

U4- Morey Pond - 44.8 acres
(Nipmuck State Forest)
731 Buckley Highway, Union
Launch: Shallow launch conditions, shallow pond.
Regulations: 8 mph limit, no water skiing.
Parking: 10 spaces
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#### VERNON

**V1- Bolton Lake, Middle**

- **121 acres**
- **251 Hatch Hill Road, Vernon**
- **Regulations:** Motors limited to 6 hp.
- **Parking:** 5 spaces

**V2- Bolton Lake, Upper**

- **50.3 acres**
- **250 Hatch Hill Road, Vernon**
- **Regulations:** Motors limited to 6 hp.
- **Parking:** 2 spaces

**Shenipsit Lake** - 532 acres

See # T4- Tolland

### VOLUNTOWN

**V3- Beach Pond** - 372 acres

- 205 North Shore Road, Voluntown
- **Regulations:** All motorboats – 6 MPH limit within 75 feet of shore, dock, raft, launching area, swimming area, except while taking off or landing a water skier, and 6 MPH limit from Tripps Cove to the dam at the western end of the pond. No water-skiing within 800 ft. of the dam.
- **Parking:** 25 spaces

**V4- Beachdale Pond** - 45.9 acres

- 115 Ekonk Hill Road, Voluntown
- **Regulations:** 8 mph limit, no water-skiing
- **Parking:** 20 spaces

**V5- Green Falls Reservoir**

- **48.2 acres**
- **Green Falls Road, Voluntown**
- **Launch:** Open 24 hours/day during season. Open from the Fri before the third Sat in Apr through Dec 30th.
- **Regulations:** Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.
- **Parking:** 6 spaces

### WASHINGTON

**W1- North Farms Reservoir**

- **64.4 acres**
- **Leigus Rd., Wallingford**
- **Launch:** Shallow pond, weed problems.
- **Regulations:** 8 mph limit, no water-skiing
- **Parking:** 20 spaces

**W2- Wharton Pond Regulations**

- **3 acres**
- **All vessels prohibited**

### WARREN

**Lake Waramaug**

- (Washington, Warren, Kent)
- **See # W3- Washington**

### WEST BEND

**W3- Lake Waramaug** - 656 acres

- **(Washington, Warren, Kent)**
- **30 Lake Waramaug Rd, Washington**
- **Regulations:** From May 15 through Sep 15, inclusive, Slow-No-Wake in the cove adjacent to the State Park in northernmost 1,300 feet of the cove. 12 HP limit. Seaplanes prohibited. Call 860-868-6427 for vessel inspection prior to launching. A total of only 20 non-residents are allowed on the water through the town and state park launches.
- **Launch:** 3rd Sat in Apr until last week in Jun on Sat, Sun and Wed 6 to 11 am & 4 pm to Sunset; last week in Jun until Labor Day from Fri thru Mon 6 am to Sunset and Tue thru Thu 10 am to 5 pm; and after Labor Day to last Sun in Oct on Sat, Sun and Wed 6 to 11 am & 4 pm to Sunset. All vessels must be inspected for aquatic vegetation.
- **Parking:** 9 spaces (limited to 7 non-residents).

### WATERTOWN

**W4- Dock Road**

- **(Long Island Sound)**
- **1 Dock Road, Waterford**
- **Launch:** Very crowded on weekends.
- **Parking:** 45 spaces

**W5- Niantic River**

- **2nd Street, Waterford**
- **Launch:** Located approximately .25 mile north of Rte.156 Bridge
- **Regulations:** See # E14 -Niantic River
- **Parking:** 100 spaces

**W6- Waterford Regulations**

- **In Aewife Cove, 6 mph. Water skiing permitted only in certain designated open water areas as delineated on the water use plan.**

### WATERTOWN

**W7- Black Rock Pond Regulations**

- **5 acres**
- **All vessels prohibited.**

**W8- Winnemaug Lake Regulations**

- **155 acres**
- **Effective on all lakes and ponds in Watertown- 7 mph limit. Vessels with internal combustion engines attached prohibited. Vessels prohibited within 50 feet of swimming areas.**

### WEST HAVEN

**W9- City Point Yacht Club Inc.**

- **(West River)**
- **VHF 9 or 203-789-9301, Apr 15 - Oct 30, Mon - Fri, 9 am - 7 pm, Sat - Sun, 8 am - 7 pm**

**Branford Town Pumpout Boat**

- See # B12- Branford

### WESTBROOK

**W10- Messerschmidt Pond**

- **73 acres**
- **390 Stevenstown Road, Westbrook**
- **Regulations:** Use of electric motors permitted.
- **Parking:** 10 spaces

**W11- Westbrook Regulations**

- Patchogue River, Menunketesuck River and within 500 feet of shoreline - 5 mph limit and no water skiing except in special areas.

**W12- SHM Pilots Point Marina**

- (Westbrook Harbor)
- **VHF 9 or 860-399-7906 or 860-339-1800; May 1 - Oct 31, Daily, 7:30 am - 5 pm**

**W13- Harry’s Marine Repair**

- (Patchogue River)
- **860-399-6165**
- **Apr - Oct, Daily, 9 am - 4 pm**

**W14- SHM Pilots Point Pumpout Boats**

- (Westbrook Harbor)
- **VHF 9 or 860-399-7906**
- **May 1-Oct 31: 7 am-5 pm**

### WESTPORT

**W15- Saugatuck River**

- Elaine Road, Westport
- **Regulations:** See # W16 - Westport Launch: Under I-95 on the east side of river. Rte. 136 to Compo Road, take first right to launch.
- **Parking:** 25 spaces

**W16- Westport Regulations**

- Saugatuck River, Bermuda Lagoon, Shorehaven Marsh, harbors and congested areas – 5 mph limit. No water skiing or surf-boarding in any channel.

**W17- Ned Dimes Marina**

- (Compo Cove, Saugatuck River)
- **VHF 11 or 203-341-1063**
- **May - Oct, Daily, 8 am - 8 pm**

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[www.facebook.com/boatinginconnecticut](http://www.facebook.com/boatinginconnecticut)
W18- East Norwalk Blue, Inc.
Pumpout Boat
(Darien, Norwalk, Westport and Fairfield)
See # N34 - Norwalk

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WETHERSFIELD
W19- Wethersfield Cove Regulations
6 mph limit.
W20- Wethersfield Cove
(Pumpout information)
May - Oct, Fri - Sun, 10 am - 6 pm
FTB Information
860-883-9424
Parking: 18 spaces

WINDHAM
W21- Highland Lake
- 445 acres
297 West Lake Street, Winchester
Regulations: 6 mph limit from 12 hour after sunset to 1/2 hour before sunrise, and 6 mph limit from 5 pm Sun to 1/2 hour before sunrise on Mon (Sun before Memorial Day to Sun preceding Labor Day). 45 mph limit on Sat, Suns, and holidays. Boats greater than 22 feet in length and pontoon boats greater than 30 feet in length are prohibited. No staging of personal watercraft, motorboat or water-skiing activities from town-owned beaches or park. Overnight mooring prohibited. Parking: 28 spaces

W22- Park Pond
- 82 acres
29 Blue Street, Winchester
Regulations: 8 mph, no water skiing
Parking: 12 spaces

W23- Winchester Lake
- 246 acres
West Road, Winchester
Regulations: 8 mph limit, no water skiing
Parking: 25 spaces

W24- Mad River Impoundment Regulations
3 acres
All vessels prohibited.

W25- Beaver Brook Pond (Bibbins Pond)
- 8.5 acres
483 Back Road, Windham
Regulations: Manually propelled vessels permitted, May 16 to Oct 31. Use of all motors prohibited. Parking: 15 spaces

WINDSOR
W26- Bissell Bridge
(Windsor Meadows State Park-
Connecticut River)
265 East Barber Street, Windsor
Regulations: See # O7 - Connecticut River
Parking: 18 spaces

W27- Rainbow Reservoir (Farmington River)
- 240 acres
118 Merriman Road, Windsor
Regulations: 35 mph limit
Parking: 15 spaces

WOLCOTT
W28- Scoville Reservoir
121 acres
Launch: Rte. 69, east on Nichols Road. Bear left onto Woodrick Rd., then turn left onto Scoville Road. Launch is at the end. Launch is owned and operated by the Town of Wolcott.
Regulations: Vessel operation prohibited between sunset and sunrise. No water skiing, windsurfing or parasailing. Use or possession of internal combustion engines prohibited. Sailboats prohibited. No launching from a roadway. Parking: 10 spaces

WOODSTOCK
W29- Black Pond
- 73.4 acres
100 Camp Road, Woodstock
Regulations: 5 hp limit.
Parking: 10 spaces

W30- Roseland Lake
- 96.1 acres
Launch: Courtesy of Roseland Park on west side of lake. Rte. 171, north on Roseland Park Rd. Park is on the right. Launch is privately owned and operated for the Town of Woodstock. Open sunrise - sunset.

W31- Griggs Pond Regulations
Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

W32- Muddy Pond (Pond Factory)
Regulations
- 130 acres
5 hp limit.

NEW YORK - FISHERS ISLAND
X1- Shrink the Boat, L.L.C. Pumpout Boat
(Fishers Island, NY)
See # G25 - Groton

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RHODE ISLAND - WESTERLY
X2- Avondale Boat Yard Inc.
(Pawcatuck River)
VHF CH 9 or 401-348-8187
Apr-Oct, 8 am - 5 pm; $9.00

X3- Westerly Yacht Club
(Pawcatuck River)
VHF CH 10, 401-596-7556, or 401-596-5792 check for hours of operation

X4- Westerly Pumpout Boat
(Stonington Harbor, Little Narragansett Bay, Pawcatuck River, Watch Hill Harbor)
VHF 6 or 401-348-2572
May 25 – Oct 14, Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri 9 am - 3 pm; Sat- Sun & holidays 9 am - 5 pm No Service on Tuesday

LOCAL REGULATIONS, BOAT LAUNCHES & PUMPOUT INFORMATION
Environmental Awareness

What can I do to prevent the spread of non-native species?

Connecticut offers a wide variety of boating opportunities. Whether your boating preference is fresh water lakes and ponds or the salty water of Long Island Sound, you should be aware that aquatic invasive species have entered CT waters and may be here to stay. Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) are non-native plants or animals that tend to grow at a rate such that they can displace beneficial native species, disrupt the ecosystem and drastically reduce recreational activities, including swimming. Freshwater aquatic invasive plants can form a dense mat just below the water’s surface, which interferes with boating, swimming and other recreational activities.

These species may have been introduced when large cargo ships took on ballast water in foreign waters and discharged in US waters. Steps are being taken nationally to minimize these introductions. If a vessel sits at a dock for too long, growth can occur on the hull, as well as bilge areas, live wells, or other places that may collect water are good hiding places for AIS to hitchhike between ports or waterbodies. Local boaters can help by removing the species on their boats and trailers and properly preparing and maintaining their boat’s bottom. You can help prevent new introductions of invasive plants and animals: Clean, Drain, Dry your boat and gear.

Clean, Drain, Dry Method

BEFORE LEAVING THE LAUNCH:

√ Clean: remove any visible mud, plants, fish or animals before transporting equipment.
√ Drain: eliminates water from equipment, such as a live well, before transporting.

AT HOME PRIOR TO YOUR NEXT LAUNCH:

√ Dry: anything that comes into contact with water (boats, trailers, anchors, propellers, fishing equipment, clothing, etc.) for a minimum of one week.
√ If drying isn’t possible, wash your vessel with the options below.
√ Never release plants, fish or animals into a body of water unless they came out of that body of water.
√ Dispose any unused bait in an upland trash.

How Can I Clean My Boat to Prevent the Spread?

√ Dry equipment for a minimum of one week (hot/dry weather) and a minimum of four weeks (cool/wet weather) before entering new waters.

OR…….

√ Wash with hot water, preferable high pressure.
√ Dip equipment into 100% vinegar for 20 minutes prior to rinsing.
√ Use a 1% salt solution and leave on for 24 hours prior to rinsing (2/3 cups of salt to 5 gallons of water).
√ Wet with bleach solution (1 oz. per gallon) or soap and hot water (Lysol, boat soap, etc.) for 10 minutes prior to rinsing.
Invasive plants and animals in Connecticut Waters

1. Eurasian milfoil:
Submerged, perennial aquatic plant with green feathered type leaves. The stems are brownish-red to light green. Milfoil produces pink flowers between July and August.

2. Fanwort:
Submerged plant that ranges in color from grass green to olive and to reddish brown. The leaves are finely divided and strictly opposite arranged. Small white flowers with six petals emerge among the floating leaves.

3. Hydrilla:
Submersed, rooted plant with long stems that branch at the surface where growth becomes horizontal and dense mats form under the water surface. Leaves are small and pointed and the plant will produce tiny white flowers.

4. Zebra mussel:
Zebra mussels are small, striped rigid mussel that grows to a maximum length of 2.5 cm (approximately one inch) in length. The shell color is black or brown with variable white to yellow striped or zig zag patterns and they can live up to five years. Zebra mussels are established in Lakes Lillinonah, Zoar and Housatonic in the Housatonic River, and the Twin Lakes in Salisbury. These mussels can impact the ecosystem, foul boat hulls and engine cooling systems, are sharp to step on and can clog power plant, industrial and drinking water intakes.

5. Quagga mussel:
The quagga is slightly larger than the zebra mussel. The shell is striped but is more pale toward the end of the hinge. Color patterns vary widely with black, cream, or white bands. The quagga has a rounded angle and a convex ventral side. Quagga mussels have not been found in Connecticut waters.

Before Leaving & Before Launching...
Inspect Everything!

STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS!
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6. Chinese mitten crab:

The claws are of equal size and appear “furry” with whitish tips. The smooth shell is brown to green with four spines (the fourth can be small) on each side. There is a notch between the eyes. In June, 2012, a juvenile Chinese mitten crab was collected from the Mianus River in Greenwich. This is the first confirmed report of this invasive in CT. This crab reproduces in saltwater but spends most of its life in freshwater.

7. New Zealand mud snails:

Relatively small snail that has brown or black cone shaped shell with seven to eight whorls. Between the whorls are deep grooves. This snail has the ability to reproduce quickly and populations can rapidly reach high densities under suitable conditions. New Zealand mud snails have not been found in Connecticut waters.

8. Rusty crayfish:

A large crayfish with reddish spots on each side of the body just in front of the tail, grayish green color, smooth mandibles (mouth parts without serrated edge) and black bands on tips of claws. Rusty crayfish are aggressive and can displace native crayfish. They feed heavily on invertebrates that are important food sources for fishes and can destroy aquatic vegetation beds, impacting habitat used by other invertebrates and game fish. Rusty crayfish are often spread via bait buckets. Rusty crayfish can be found in a number of freshwater systems throughout Connecticut.

9. Asian clam:

A bivalve that can grow as large as 5 cm (2 inches) wide and live up to seven years. Asian clams can be identified by the presence of yellow and brown color concentric rings on their shell. The outer side of the shell can flake, revealing white spots. Asian clam excretions encourage algal growth which reduces water quality for native flora and fauna. Asian clams can aggressively colonize the bottom of waterways and can outcompete native species for space. Asian clams can be found in a number of freshwater systems throughout Connecticut.

HELP KEEP Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) OUT OF CONNECTICUT’S WATERS!

It is critical that boaters take responsibility for stopping the spread of these plants and animals.

Failure to remove all vegetation and the listed aquatic invasive species, that are visible and identifiable without optical magnification, is subject to a fine of $95 for each such violation.

STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS!
Be A Good Steward. Clean, Drain, Dry.
StopAquaticHitchhikers.org

IT IS ILLEGAL TO TRANSPORT on a boat or trailer any vegetation and the following aquatic invasive species (as determined by the Commissioner pursuant to CGS Section 15-180; see www.ct.gov/deep/boating):

- Asian clam (Corbicula fluminea)
- Chinese mitten crab (Eriocheir sinensis)
- New Zealand mudsnail (Potamopyrgus antipodarum)
- Quaqqa mussel (Dreissena bugensis)
- Rusty crayfish (Orconectes rusticus)
- Zebra mussel (Dreissena polymorpha)
Connecticut's Clean Boater Program

Using sound environmental boating practices protects our resources and ensures the future health of Connecticut's waters. The Clean Boater Program encourages the state's boaters to use clean boating techniques. Support marinas that are environmentally responsible. For information about the Clean Boater Program or Clean Marina Program, contact the Boating Division at 860-434-8638 or visit: www.ct.gov/deep/boating.

Boat Hull Maintenance

If your marina allows underwater hull cleaning, please proceed with caution:

- DO NOT clean boat bottoms painted with ablative paints.
- Use hard bottom paint if you need to clean your boat bottom throughout the season (sailboats).
- Ask your marina operator if there are any specific guidelines you need to follow while cleaning your boat bottom.
- Use only soft material (sponges, not brushes!) to clean growth off the hull.
- Use stainless steel pads and/or brushes only on UNPAINTED surfaces.
- Stop cleaning in the water if colored plumes of paint appear in the water.
- Do not paint zinxs. When replacing zinc anodes, bring them ashore for recycling.
- Hire a professional diver and tell them you expect them to minimize pollution.

MARPOL Regulations

All vessels must obey MARPOL regulations developed in the 1970s, revised in 2006 and guidelines accepted in 2012 to protect the marine environment from operational pollution. The U.S. legislation that implements MARPOL Annex V, bans the dumping of specified garbage and all plastics in all navigable waters of the United States. (It is illegal to discard fishing line on land or in state waters.) It also places restrictions on the disposal of other types of shipboard solid wastes. Vessels over 26 feet must display a durable placard explaining MARPOL Annex V disposal regulations.

Marine Sanitation Devices (MSDs)

All vessels with an installed toilet are required to have a Coast Guard certified Marine Sanitation Device (MSD) attached to the toilet. Visit www.ct.gov/deep/cva for more information. A macerator alone is not a certified MSD. A macerator only grinds the sewage. It does not treat it to kill bacteria and viruses. All Coast Guard certified Type I and Type II MSDs have a certification label affixed by the manufacturer. Holding tanks are not required to have a certification label. Visit the Environmental Protection Agency website at https://www.epa.gov/vessels-marinas-and-ports/vessel-sewage-discharges

The U.S. Coast Guard can issue fines of up to $2,000 for the illegal discharge of untreated sewage. Section 15-175(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes provides that any person owning or operating a vessel from which untreated sewage is discharged from a MSD or bypass into the waters of this state has committed a class A misdemeanor. A class A misdemeanor is a criminal offense for which a person, if convicted, may be sentenced to a term of imprisonment of not more than one year and be fined an amount not more than two thousand dollars. State conservation officers and municipal marine police may enforce this law.

No Discharge Areas

It is illegal to discharge untreated sewage from your boat into any of Connecticut's waters.

Connecticut: All waters.
New York: Long Island Sound, including the open waters, harbors, bays and navigable tributaries of the Sound and a portion of the East River, from the Hell Gate Bridge in the west to the northern bounds of Block Island Sound in the east. Included in the NDA are: Peconic Estuary and East Hampton, Mamaroneck Harbor, Greater Huntington-Northport Bay Complex, Port Jefferson Harbor Complex, Hempstead Harbor, Oyster Bay/Cold Spring Harbor Complex, and Hudson River.
Rhode Island: All waters.

See the EPA website at www.epa.gov/vessels-marinas-and-ports/no-discharge-zones-ndzs-state for a list of NDAs by state.

Pumpout Facilities

The Federal Clean Vessel Act directs excise tax dollars, collected on fishing tackle and motorboat fuel, to construct, operate and maintain pumpout stations. All CT CVA funded pumpouts and dump stations available to recreational boating public are FREE.

To find a land based pumpout facility or pumpout boat near you, see the map on page 34-35 or visit www.ct.gov/deep/pumpoutdirectory.
U.S. Aids to Navigation

NAVIGATION AIDS

Lateral Aids
Marking the sides of channels as seen when approaching from seaward.

Even numbers Starboard Side
Lighted buoy (red light only)

Odd numbers Port Side
Can buoy (Unlighted)

Safe Water Aids
Marking midchannels and fairways (No numbers. Buoys may be lettered.)

Lighted (White Light)

Can buoy (Unlighted)

Preferred Aids

Preferred CHANNEL AIDS
Not numbered. May be lettered.

Preferred channel to starboard
Lighted buoy (Green light)

Preferred channel to port
Can buoy (Unlighted)

Nun buoy (Unlighted)

Lighted buoy (Red light)

The Sound Signals
All vessels are required to exchange sound signals when their paths will lead them into close quarters. Depending upon the size of your vessel, a mouth, hand or power operated whistle or horn is required. The following four signals are the only signals that may be used by vessels, when within sight of each other, to signal their intentions.
- One short blast – I intend to leave you on my port side.
- Two short blasts – I intend to leave you on my starboard side.
- Three short blasts – Indicates the operation of astern propulsion.
- Five or more blasts – Indicates danger.

Anchor Lights
All vessels, when at anchor outside an officially marked anchorage, must exhibit, an all-around white light.

High Speed Ferries
High Speed Ferries (HSF) are capable of speeds of 60 knots (70 miles per hour) and above. When a HSF is approaching:
- Know and obey the USCG rules of the road.
- Make any changes in course or speed early and obvious to the HSF operator, and while still at least one mile from the ferry.

At night and in times of restricted visibility, display correct running lights and show a radar reflector. Monitor VHF Channel 13 for announcements from the ferry.

Marker (Buoy or Beacon) Permits
The placement of regulatory, navigational markers, slalom course buoys or jumps requires a permit from the DEEP. Regulatory markers denote swim areas, speed zones, danger areas or information. Navigational markers designate channels. Markers must meet DEEP specifications regarding size, color, banding, symbols and wording. On tidal waters, a permit is required from both the DEEP and USCG. Visit the DEEP website at www.ct.gov/deep/boating for more information about marker permits.

NOTE: Permits for mooring buoys on tidal waters are issued by the Town, local Harbor Master, or the DEEP’s Land and Water Resources Division and on inland waters by the Town or an applicable power generating company.

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Navigation Lights (Underway)
Recreational boats must display their required navigation lights at all times between sunset and sunrise, and during daylight periods of reduced visibility. Shown below are the lights required.

**POWER-DRIVEN VESSELS**

Alternate lighting for boats less than 39’5” in length

**NON-POWERED VESSELS**

The lighting arrangements shown in the figures here have been taken from the U.S. Coast Guard Navigation Rules, International-Inland.

**Navigation Rules**

**TERMS TO KNOW:**
- **Stand-on vessel:** The vessel that should maintain its course and speed (unless collision is imminent.)
- **Give-way vessel:** The vessel that must take early and substantial action to avoid collision by stopping, slowing down, or changing course.

**MEETING**

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**Movable Bridges**

The raising and lowering of train and traffic bridges are regulated by the US Coast Guard. You need to understand some critical information to safely pass under these bridges:

**Bridge clearance** - is the distance between the water surface and the lowest portion of the bridge over the channel. This distance is measured in feet and can be found on the chart that the bridge is shown. Bridge clearances are referenced at mean high tide, with clearances changing throughout the tidal cycle. At low tide there will be more clearance than at an above average high tide.

Many fixed and all moveable bridges will have a clearance gauge on each side of the bridge. This gauge will indicate the bridge clearance at the specific time you are passing under the bridge. Each gauge is installed on the end of the right channel pier or pier protection structure facing approaching vessels and extends to a reasonable height above high water so as to be meaningful to the viewer. Other or additional locations may be used under particular conditions or circumstances.

**Air draft of a vessel** - or vertical clearance is amount of vertical space that the boat needs to pass safely under an object. This distance is measured from the boat’s waterline to the top of the highest structural object on the boat. By federal regulation, movable antennas that are not essential to navigation and fishing poles cannot count in the measurement. They must be lowered. If after lowering all of the non-structural and nonessential navigation components of your vessel, you still cannot pass under the bridge, you will need to contact the bridge tender.

**Signaling the Bridge:**

Moveable bridges must open promptly and fully for the passage of vessels when a request or signal to open is given. However, there are bridges that have set opening and closing schedules to facilitate the smooth flow of traffic so you may have to wait.

There are several acceptable methods to contact the bridge tender to discuss scheduled openings and to request an opening. The best method is by VHF marine radio via channel 13 using low power (one watt). The vessel and the bridge tender shall monitor the frequency used until the vessel has cleared the draw.

Using the radio, identify the name of the bridge (repeated three times) you need opened and the name and description of your vessel (eg. sailboat, 30 foot powerboat). Let the bridge tender know the direction you are headed and when you request the opening. When radiotelephone contact cannot be initiated or maintained, sound or visual signals shall be used. Sound signals shall be made by whistle, horn, mega-phone, hairer, or other device capable of producing the described signals loud enough to be heard by the draw-tender. The sound signal to request the opening of a draw is one prolonged blast followed by one short blast sounded not more than three seconds after the prolonged blast.

If the tender can open the bridge immediately, the reply sound signal is one prolonged blast followed by one short blast sounded within 30 seconds of the requesting signal. When the draw cannot be opened immediately, the tender shall reply with five short blasts sounded in rapid succession within 30 seconds of the vessel’s opening signal. The signal shall be repeated until acknowledged in some manner by the requesting vessel.

The visual signal to request the opening of a draw is a white flag raised and lowered vertically or a white, amber, or green light raised and lowered vertically. The tender shall reply in kind if the bridge can be opened or raise a red flag or swing a red light back and forth horizontally in full sight of the vessel within 30 seconds of the vessel’s opening signal or show a fixed or flashing red light(s) within 30 seconds of the vessel’s opening signal and repeat until acknowledged in some manner by the requesting vessel.
Five Short Blasts: If you hear this sound from the bridge and the bridge is open, it means the bridge is being closed. DO NOT TRY TO PASS through if you require an opening. The bridges are extremely heavy and are not easily stopped once the process has begun. The bridge tender may not be able to see you; WAIT for the next opening!

In areas where there is more than one moveable bridge, like New Haven Harbor, to eliminate confusion signals can vary. Checking the federal regulation cited above will provide those signals.

It is important to note that, the bridge tender shall take all reasonable measures to have the draw opened, regardless of the operating schedule of the bridge, for passage of emergency vehicles, vessels or other emergency situations, provided this opening does not conflict with local emergency management procedures which have been approved by the cognizant Coast Guard Captain of the Port.

Schedules for Bridges - Each movable bridge has its own opening schedule that is determined by federal regulation. Between May 15 and October 15, the five Amtrak movable bridges will reopen immediately after trains pass and will close in sufficient time for approaching trains to pass safely. Knowing the schedule will help you to plan your trip, but you will still need to make your intentions known to the bridge tender.

You should be familiar with the schedule for the bridges that you will use. Their schedules are published in the USCG Local Notice to Mariners (http://www.navcen.uscg.gov), cruising guides and other boating related publications.

**QUICK GUIDE TO TRANSITING MOVABLE BRIDGES**

- Know the vertical clearance of your vessel (air draft).
- Check the vertical clearance of the bridge.
- Lower any moveable nonstructural objects or gear (radio antennas, outriggers etc...) if necessary to pass without forcing a bridge opening. IT IS ILLEGAL TO REQUEST AN OPENING without first lowering non-structural gear.
- If an opening is required check for scheduled openings
- Signal or contact the drawtender to request an opening
- When the bridge opens, pass through the draw as soon as possible in order to prevent unnecessary delays in the closure of the draw.

Do your part . . . know your vertical clearance. Don’t request unneeded openings.

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Violation of other statutes not listed here may require a court appearance. Consult the statutes or applicable penalties.

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Homeland Security

Boaters must be cautious and constantly aware of surroundings. It is now illegal to stop or anchor beneath bridges. Secure and lock your boat when not on-board and, when stored, disable the engine. Avoid restricted areas such as dams, power plants, etc. and observe all security zones, especially around military installations.

Naval Vessel Protection Zone – You must stay at least 100 yards away from any military vessel and maintain minimum steerage speed within 500 yards. Violators face quick and severe response, not more than six years in prison and not more than a $250,000 fine. You should report the following to the U.S. Coast Guard (see page 4 for telephone numbers):

- Suspicious persons conducting unusual activities near security areas, bridges, on or near the water.
- People establishing roadside stands near marinas and waterfront facilities.
- Unknown persons photographing or creating diagrams around power plants, under bridges, waterfront facilities or any other high risk areas.
- Unknown or suspicious persons loitering around waterfront areas.
- Suspicious persons attempting to borrow or rent watercraft
- Suspicious vendors attempting to sell or deliver merchandise or drop off packages in waterfront areas.

Safety and Security Zones - Boaters should not:
- Enter buoied areas off the Niantic Bay or Jordan Cove side of Dominion/Millstone Power Plant, Waterford, CT.
- Enter waters within 100 yards of any anchored U.S. Coast Guard vessel.
- Stop, moor, anchor or loiter beneath a bridge or approach within a 25-yard radius of any bridge foundation, support, stanchion, pier or abutment except as required for the direct, expeditious transit beneath a bridge.

In addition to the areas listed above, all boaters should be aware of multiple Security Zones on the Thames River. These Security Zones are located at Electric Boat Shipyard - Groton, U.S. Coast Guard Academy - New London and Naval Submarine Base – Groton. Travel through these zones may be subject to periodic speed and entry restrictions. All vessels transiting these areas should listen for specific instructions via VHF marine radio, a loud-hailer from official patrol vessels or personnel on shore. Boaters should comply with any instructions as quickly and as safely as possible.

Helpful Internet Addresses

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA): [www.noaa.gov](http://www.noaa.gov)

Print-on-Demand Charts and Historical Map and Chart Collections: [https://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/](https://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/)

National Ocean Service Data Discovery Portal: [https://data.noaa.gov/datasetsearch/](https://data.noaa.gov/datasetsearch/)

Chart No.1: Nautical Chart Symbols, Abbreviations and Terms: [https://nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/publications/us-chart-1.html](https://nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/publications/us-chart-1.html)

National Weather Service: [https://www.weather.gov](https://www.weather.gov)


Sunrise/Sunset Calculator: [www.esrl.noaa.gov/gmd/grad/solcalc/sunrise.html](http://www.esrl.noaa.gov/gmd/grad/solcalc/sunrise.html)

Real time tide information: [www.co-ops.nos.noaa.gov/ports.html](http://www.co-ops.nos.noaa.gov/ports.html)

U.S. Coast Guard websites

U.S. Coast Guard Local Notice to Mariners (by district): [www.navcen.uscg.gov/](http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/)

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary: [www.cgaux.org](http://www.cgaux.org)

Other websites

U.S. Power Squadrons: [www.usps.org](http://www.usps.org)
provides cooperative charting information & training

Maptech (for raster nautical charts): [www.maptech.com](http://www.maptech.com)
Print on Demand Charts: [www.oceangrafix.com](http://www.oceangrafix.com)

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (provide information for navigable rivers, ports & channels): [www.usace.army.mil](http://www.usace.army.mil)

Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles: [https://portal.ct.gov/DMV](https://portal.ct.gov/DMV)

Connecticut Harbormasters: [www.ct.gov/deep/harbormasters](http://www.ct.gov/deep/harbormasters)
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**APPROXIMATE TIDAL DIFFERENCES**

**BASED ON OLD SAYBROOK**

- at Stonington: less 1 hour, 43 minutes
- at Noank: less 1 hour, 33 minutes
- at Norwich: less 1 hour, 25 minutes
- at New London: less 1 hour, 11 minutes
- at Millstone Pt.: less 1 hour, 2 minutes
- at Old Saybrook Jetty: see tide table
- at Duck Island: plus 7 minutes
- at Madison: plus 12 minutes
- at Falkner Island: plus 19 minutes
- at Branford Harbor: plus 24 minutes
- at New Haven Harbor: plus 25 minutes
- at Milford Harbor: plus 26 minutes
- at Bridgeport: plus 33 minutes
- at Cos Cob Harbor: plus 38 minutes

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- at Essex: plus 28 minutes
- at East Haddam: plus 1 hour, 31 minutes
- at Portland: plus 2 hours, 40 minutes
- at Hartford: plus 4 hours, 19 minutes

Remember, New London and Fishers Island Sound tides occur before Old Saybrook. Bridgeport and Greenwich tides occur after Old Saybrook.

### 2020 Tide Table – Saybrook Point

**HIGH TIDE PREDICTIONS BETWEEN 6:00 a.m. AND 7:00 p.m.**

(Adjusted for daylight savings time) — 41.2833 N, 72.3500 W • Full Moon = o | New Moon = •

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## 2020 Sun or Moon Rise/Set Table

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Eastern Standard Time approximate for Central Connecticut and adjusted for Daylight Saving Time.
Important Information for anyone using a kayak, canoe, stand up paddleboard or other manually propelled boat.

Manually propelled boating activities such as rowing, stand up paddleboarding (SUP), canoeing and kayaking are rapidly evolving. It seems that new styles of these boats and ways to enjoy them are appearing nearly every day. Boats such as pedal driven kayaks and inflatable stand up paddleboards are attracting many new boaters and opening up new waters for many. Although these boats are attracting attention, traditional canoeing and kayaking activities are also gaining in popularity.

Unfortunately, the increase number of manually propelled boaters has also increased the number of paddling related injuries and deaths. No formal education is required to use a manually propelled boat in Connecticut. However, here are some rules that should be followed and good advice that will help keep your day on the water safe, comfortable, and fun from the start.

**Take a lesson:** Before venturing out on the water, consider taking a paddling course. The time and money you spend are well worth the investment! Knowing how to dress, the correct paddle strokes, the navigation rules, what equipment you should have with you on the water and how to use it, what to do in an emergency, being able to right and get back in your boat if you capsize are all skills that may lengthen your season and add to your boating enjoyment. Many of the paddling related accidents and deaths in Connecticut might have been avoided had the victims received some form of education.

**Do NOT paddle impaired:** Do not drink alcohol or use drugs with serious side effects before or while paddling. These substances can reduce reaction time, balance, coordination, and judgment - all of which are vital to your survival in a threatening situation.

**Put contact information on your boat:** Attach an “IF FOUND” sticker to your unregistered boat or write the boat owners contact information in the boat. This contact information can help rescuers locate you faster should an emergency situation occur and the boat is found unattended. (See page 43, for more information about “If Found” stickers.)

**Know your ability:** Be honest with yourself when planning a trip. Rough water, white water, or rapids can be difficult for experienced paddlers and are no place for beginners. Check the weather forecast, tides and water flows before heading out to a location and for the.

You need to have the right equipment and know the rules so that you can perform your best.
Paddling Awareness

period of time you plan to be on the water. Changes in weather, tides and water flows can easily turn a calm waterbody that is within your paddling abilities into a deadly environment. Our website contains links to a number of good Connecticut weather forecasts and resources, www.ct.gov/deep/boatingweather.

Plan ahead: Know the waters that you are paddling and plan your day accordingly. Tell someone where you are going, what boat you are taking and when you plan on returning; this is called filing a “float plan.” The information in a “float plan” will help first responders find and rescue you faster should an accident occur.

Avoid Paddling Alone: Paddle with a friend or group. You will have someone that can help you get back in your boat or call for help if needed.

Wear appropriate clothing: The correct clothing choices can add significantly to your paddling comfort, extend your boating season and might save your life. Choose the most appropriate clothing. Dress in layers that will retain body heat when wet (fleece) and outer layers that repel water. Avoid cotton, which stays wet and does not retain heat. Wear a hat! If you are a paddling in the cold water seasons consider investing in a wet or drysuit, you will be amazed at the difference in comfort they make.

Wear a Life Jacket: The majority of paddlers that have died in Connecticut were NOT wearing a life jacket. Sadly, if they had been, the outcome of these accidents could have been much different. Connecticut law requires there be a properly fitting life jacket for everyone onboard a manually propelled vessel at all times. It also requires that all children less than thirteen years of age at any time during the year, and all adults between Oct 1 and May 31, wear a properly fitting life jacket while onboard a manually propelled vessel.

Note: Stand-up paddleboards are considered vessels (boats) by the U.S. Coast Guard unless they are being used in a surf zone or designated swim area. Anyone who is using a stand-up paddleboard is required to abide by all boating laws.

Attach a whistle to your life jacket: The sound of a whistle will travel farther than your voice and will better attract attention. Connecticut and federal laws require a sound producing device onboard all vessels.

Bring a communication device: Carry a phone in a waterproof bag and/or a waterproof marine VHF radio. In coastal/tidal waters a VHF radio is the best way to call for help. By using its modern VHF radio technology, the US Coast Guard can accurately pinpoint the location of a VHF radio transmission and send rescuers to that location faster than using traditional searching techniques. Use VHF channel 16 to call the USCG. It is the international distress, safety and hailing channel.

Know the local regulations and navigation rules: Waterways are filled with all types of vessels engaged in many different activities. Knowing and understanding the basic “rules of the road” will help make everyone’s day on the water much safer and enjoyable. Please DO NOT paddle in the middle of main channels, high traffic areas or interfere with the passage of other boat traffic.

Keep a lookout: Small paddlecraft can be difficult to see. Always keep an eye out for other boats that are coming close to you. If possible, wear brightly colored clothes or use other means to make you and your boat more visible on the water. Beware, that large boats DO NOT stop very quickly. Do your best to avoid putting yourself in a dangerous situation and remember that larger boats may not be able to avoid a collision.
### BOATING ACCIDENT REPORT

**PREVIOUS EDITIONS ARE OBSOLETE**

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT**

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

**BOATING DIVISION**

P.O. BOX 280, OLD LYME CT 06371-0280

(860) 434-8638 or FAX (860) 434-3501

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**OPERATING INFORMATION (Vessel # 1)**

**NAME AND ADDRESS OF OPERATOR**

**NAME AND ADDRESS OF OWNER**

**REGISTRATION NUMBER**

**TYPE OF VESSEL**

**HULL MATERIAL**

**ENGINE TYPE**

**PROPELLATION**

**HULL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER**

**BOAT NAME**

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**SAFETY EQUIPMENT ON VESSEL**

**PERSONAL FLATATION DEVICES**

**FIRE EXTINGUISHERS**

**OPERATOR'S EXPERIENCE ON THIS VESSEL**

**OPERATOR'S PHONE NUMBER**

**OPERATOR'S EXPERIENCE ON OTHER VESSELS**

**OPERATOR'S SAFE BOATING OR PVC CERTIFICATE**

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**ACCIDENT DETAILS**

**DATE OF ACCIDENT**

**TIME**

**WIND**

**WAVE CONDITIONS**

**WEATHER CONDITIONS**

**EST. AIR TEMP**

**EST. WATER TEMP**

**WEATHER ENCOUNTERED**

**EST. WATER TEMP**

**STRONG CURRENT**

**HAZARDOUS WATERS?**

**CONGESTED WATERS?**

**STRONG CURRENT?**

**HAZARDOUS WATERS?**

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**OPERATION AT TIME OF ACCIDENT**

**OPERATOR-PASSENGER ACTIVITIES (Check all applicable)**

**ACCIDENT EVENTS (Check all applicable)**

**CONTRIBUTING FACTORS (Check all applicable)**

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Mark is great, covered a lot of questions we had outside the curriculum. Our family took the class in our home and got our certificates that day. Couldn’t have gone better.

- George Cole, Greenwich, CT

Great instructor with a wealth of boating knowledge and many years of experience. Use of boating props, relevant boating stories, student participation in demonstrations and humor make what can be a long class more enjoyable and recall of pertinent information at test time much easier. A great class for anyone looking for certification or just more boating knowledge.

- Laurie H., Somers, CT

An efficient and effective way to get your boating license from a deeply knowledgeable instructor!

- Jim Forde, Stamford, CT